



2017-2018 District Speech Contest

Instructions for Teachers and Students

Thank you for participating in the 2017-2018 Rotary District 5190 Speech Contest

Important Points to Know

1. In most areas, the speech contest has three levels. First is the local club contest, held between February and March, 2018. The second is an area contest, held between March and April, 2018. The final level is the District Speech contest, to be held at the District Conference on *May 19, 2018, 9:30am at Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno, NV*. STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL THREE LEVELS TO ENTER THE COMPETITION.
2. Only the winner at each level advances to the next level. Club and Area contests have 2-5 contestants; the District has 7-13. The cash prizes at the district level are \$1,000 (1st), \$750 (2nd), and \$500 (3rd). Club and area prizes are the responsibility of the participating clubs.
3. Contest rules are available at your local school or Rotary Club.
4. Your local Rotary club is responsible for furnishing you with all of the information needed to compete at each level of the contest.
5. A student may enter only one club contest in their own area.

The theme this year is: “Rotary is Making a Difference. What About Me?”



Speech Contest Rules

Theme: "Rotary is Making a Difference. What About Me?"

- Time: 5 – 7 Minutes
- Entrants: Must be from District 5190 clubs in grades 9 – 12
- Club Prizes: To be determined by club
- Area Prizes: To be determined by participating clubs
- District Prizes: \$1,00 for 1st Place, \$750 for 2nd Place, \$500 for 3rd Place

CONTEST RULES

- Notes: Contestant may use written notes at the club contest ONLY
- Microphone: A microphone must be used at the District contest
- Props: No displays, props, or prompting is allowed
- Judges: Use 4 judges and 1 tiebreaker at all contests. They may be Rotarians
- Arrival Time: All contestants MUST arrive at contest location NO LATER than 10 minutes before the start of the contest. Late arrivals will be DISQUALIFIED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

SUGGESTED COMPLETION TIMELINES

- Club Contest: February – March, 2018 Deadline
- Area Contest: Before April 15, 2018 Deadline

All Area Speech contestant finalist names and contact information is due to Jeanne Schmidt Herron no later than April 15, 2018.

District Speech contest is on May 19, 2018, 9:30am
At Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno, NV

Contestants must be available to speak at both the Area and District contests in order to enter the club contest. A student may only speak at one club in their area.



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Theme: "Rotary is Making a Difference. What About Me?"

2017-2018 STUDENT ENTRY FORM

Student's Name: _____

High School: _____

Teacher / Coach: _____

Student's Address: _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT THE CLUB AND DISTRICT CONTESTS IN ORDER TO ENTER THE CONTEST.

_____ I will be available for the Auburn Gold Country Rotary Club contest on **April 5, 2018.**

_____ If selected as the winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the District 5190 Speech Contest at Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno, NV, on **May 19, 2018.**

_____ I agree to abide by the rules of the Rotary International District 5190 Speech Contest and to create an original speech for delivery.

Student Signature

Please return this completed form by **March 29, 2018** to

Auburn Gold Country Rotary, PO Box 4959, Auburn, CA 95604