



Rotary Oratorical Contest on Ethics
Sponsored Jointly by
Rotary District 7120 and the Rochester Area Colleges

Contest Explanation

1. **Topic: The Importance of Ethics in the Life I Plan to Live**
Consider Rotary's Four Way Test of things we think, say and do:
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
2. **Speech Requirements:**
 - Minimum of five to maximum of seven minute speech
 - Notes permitted, but not encouraged; no electronic communication devices
 - No AV aids, props or costumes, singing or dancing.
 - Microphone and lectern should be available
 - Interpreters provided for deaf or hard-of-hearing participants
3. **Judges Criteria:** Visit www.rotary7120.org website for Judges Rubric
 - 50%: Content (e.g. originality, logic, examples, clarity)
 - 50%: Delivery (e.g. voice and diction, enthusiasm, language, contact with audience)
4. **Eligibility:** All High School Juniors in public or non-public high schools or being home schooled in the service area of Rotary Clubs in District 7120.
5. **Contest:**
 - Each Club may sponsor two candidates per High School in its service area. Contest or selection to be determined by each local Rotary Club, with candidates selected by January 31, 2010
 - Semi-Final Contests will be held to choose up to twelve finalists
 - Final Contest, 12 Noon – 4 PM, April 10, 2010, to be held at Roberts Wesleyan College.
 - First Place Winner must present the winning speech at Rotary District 7120 Conference April 23-25, 2010 in Albany, NY, or forfeit all prizes. (Sponsoring Club Transports)
6. **Prizes:**
 - Local awards to be determined by sponsoring Rotary Club
 - Semi-Finalist Contest winners will receive a cash prize
 - Top three District Finalists to receive cash prizes
 - Up to four District finalists may be awarded the opportunity to choose from scholarships available for September, 2011 at these area colleges: Alfred Univ, \$2,500/yr; MCC \$500/yr; SUNY Geneseo, \$750/yr; SUNY Brockport*, \$2,500/yr, Elmira College, \$10,000/yr; Keuka College, \$2,500/yr; Nazareth College, \$3,000/yr; Roberts Wesleyan, \$2,500/yr; RIT, \$5,000/yr; St. John Fisher, \$2,500/yr; and the U of R, \$7,500/yr. (* only available if a 2009 winner does not choose Brockport)