

**77th Annual
Rotary Club of
Lakewood and Rocky River
Music, Speech
& Visual Art Contests**

sponsored by
Beck Center for the Arts

Call for Entries!

Speech Contest

March 2022

Application Deadline: March 13
Preliminary Contest: March 19
Club Finals: March 28
District Finals: April 9



Speech Contest Eligibility & Requirements

All aspects of the speech contest will be held in person at Beck Center for the Arts.

- The purpose of the speech is to apply the principles of Rotary international's 4 Way Test to a current ethical issue. Students are challenged to identify a topic they feel passionate about and to adopt a point of view from which they will seek to persuade others. It should be something from the speaker's personal experience or general knowledge. There are no restrictions regarding the choice of topic as long as it is not blatantly offensive.
- The speech topic for all participants is "The Four Way Test of Rotary." The speaker will apply this test to everyday relationships with people in the following manner:
 - Is it the TRUTH?
 - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 - Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
 - Will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL concerned?
- Each part of the 4-Way Test should be addressed during the speech. They should be specifically stated, as the intent of the speech is to use the 4 Way Test to resolve an issue. Each part may be used to prove either a positive or negative.
- Students who are homeschooled or attending a high school in Lakewood or Rocky River are eligible to participate.
- Each school is limited to six student contestants.
- Each speech is timed and must last from 5 – 7 minutes in length.
- The use of notes is permitted.
- The use of audio-visual materials or podium are not permitted.
- Participants may sit or stand to deliver their speech.
- Speeches must be of original content.
- Participants should visit the Rotary District 6630 web site to learn more about the judging guidelines: <https://rotarydistrict6630.org/sitepage/4-way-test-speech-contest/judging-guidelines>
- The judging sheet may be viewed here: [Judging Sheet | District 6630 \(rotarydistrict6630.org\)](#)
- The overall winner of the contest will advance to the Rotary District 6630 competition to be held on April 9 at Roosevelt High School in Kent on Saturday.
- First Place winner from the 2021 Speech Contest may not participate in 2022.
- Entrants may not use speeches previously delivered in this contest.
- Entry forms must be received no later than March 13, 2022.
- The decision of the judges is final.

Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River, in conjunction with the Beck Center for the Arts, is proud to present the 2022 Speech, Art and Music Contests. The contest is open to all students currently home-schooled or attending one of the six high schools in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 167 countries. The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth; educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals; and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*. Visit www.rotary.org for further information.

Serving more than 60,000 people annually, **Beck Center for the Arts** is the leader in comprehensive arts education in Northeast Ohio. We offer curriculum-based arts education in dance, music, theater, visual arts and creative arts therapies for all ability levels and ages, including early childhood. With over 200 arts education classes each week, we give individualized attention to all students. At the core of our arts education program is our desire to introduce children to the arts, move them on to higher levels of the arts and ultimately motivate them to embrace the lifelong learning process.

Teachers should contact Ed Gallagher, Director of Education at the Beck Center, for more information and details concerning the judged contests at 216.521.2540 or egallagher@beckcenter.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

Preliminary Contest
 Saturday, March 19 at 9:00am
 At Beck Center for the Arts
 Senney Theater

Speech Finals
 Monday, March 28 at 12:00 noon
 Don Umerley Civic Center
 21016 Hilliard Blvd

District 6630 Finals
 Saturday, April 9
 Roosevelt High School
 Kent, Ohio

Awards Reception
 Monday, April 11
 5:45 – 8:00 pm
 at Beck Center for the Arts

AWARDS

A jury of professionals will judge the speeches based upon the above stated eligibility and requirements guidelines. The following prizes shall be awarded:

First Prize	\$750
Second Prize	\$500
Third Prize	\$300
Fourth Prize	\$250

ENTRY FORM

Each speech advisor should complete the following form and return it to the address listed at the bottom.

Please complete one page per participant.

Advisor's Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

School Phone: _____

email: _____

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

email: _____

The undersigned hereby agrees to be bound by the eligibility and requirements of the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River Music, Speech and Visual Arts Contest presented by the Beck Center for the Arts and further agrees to abide by the decisions of the judges.

Participant's Signature **Date**

Advisor's Signature **Date**

Return this completed form via email to:
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