



2023-2024 Rotary District 5190 Speech Contest

This year's theme for our speech contest:

"Rotary is a volunteer organization. How have you volunteered towards promoting HOPE in the world, and how did you see HEARTS impacted through the experience?"

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 2023 – January 2024 – Flyers and notices sent to schools

January – March 2024 – Club level contests held

March – April 30, 2024 – Area level contests held

April 30, 2024 – Area winners' names and contact information due to District Chairman

May 18, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – District Conference Contest, Grand Sierra Resort – Reno, Nevada

2023-2024 District Speech Contest Instructions for Teachers and Students

Thank you for participating in the 2023-2024 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 January and March 2024. The second is an Area contest, held between March and April 30, 2024. The final level is the District Speech Contest, to be held at the District Conference on May 18, 2024, time 9:30 am, at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. **STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL THREE LEVELS TO ENTER IN THE COMPETITION.**
2. Only the winner at each level advances to the next level. Club and Area contests usually have 3-7 contestants; the District contest has 9-11. The cash prizes at the district level are \$1,000 (1st), \$750 (2nd), \$500 (3rd) and \$50 (4th).
3. Contest rules are available at your local school or Rotary club. Official rules can also be found on the Rotary District 5190 website at:

<https://district5190.org/page/district-speech-contest>

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, determined by their School's location. Each high school belongs to an assigned Area.

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2023-2024 District Speech Contest Speech Contest Rules

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Time:	5-7 Minutes
Entrants:	Must be from District 5190 clubs and a student grades 9 – 12
Club Prizes:	To be determined by club
Area Prizes:	To be determined by participating clubs
District Prizes:	\$1,000 for 1 st Place, \$750 for 2 nd Place, \$500 for 3 rd Place and \$50 for 4 th Place

CONTEST RULES

Notes:	Contestants may use written notes at the club and area contests ONLY, speeches must be memorized at the District level
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 COMPETITION TIMELINES

Club Contest:	January – March 2024 Deadline
Area Contest:	February – April 15, 2024 Deadline

All Area Speech contestant finalist names and contact information is due to Jeanne Schmidt Herron no later than April 30, 2024 (FIRM).

District Speech contest is on May 18, 2024, Time 9:30 am at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada.

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.



2023 – 2024 STUDENT ENTRY FORM

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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 BOTH THE AREA AND DISTRICT CONTESTS IN ORDER TO ENTER THE CLUB CONTEST.

I will be available for the _____ Rotary Club contest on _____.

If selected as the club winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the Area Contest on _____. If selected as the area winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the District 5190 Speech Contest at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada on May 18, 2024.

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

Student Signature _____

Please return this completed form to _____ in Room _____ by _____



Win \$1,000

Compete in the Rotary District 5190 Speech Contest

Freshmen through Seniors are Eligible for Cash Prizes!

The Clubs of Rotary District 5190 are holding speech contests at the Club, Area, and District levels in the spring of 2024.

The winner of each Area will compete against other Area winners at the Rotary District Conference on May 18, 2024 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. Prizes of \$1,000 (1st), \$750 (2nd), \$500 (3rd) and \$50 (4th) will be awarded at the District competition.

The Club contest will be held on _____, so you have plenty of time to prepare your speech.

See _____ in Room _____ for rules and an entry form. Contestants must sign up no later than _____ to be eligible.

DON'T DELAY AND GOOD LUCK!

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