



# Rotary District 5220 Speech Contest Speaker Information and Agreement Form 2024-2025

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: Frosh / Soph / Jr / Sr

Sponsoring Rotary Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Club contact phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. I will speak on the topic: **How the Magic of Rotary Changes the World**
2. I realize my speech is to be on how the topic applies to me in my education and community service, and to Rotarians as they bring the topic to life in their efforts to fulfill Stephanie Urchick International Rotary President's theme of "**The Magic of Rotary.**" Rotary membership connects members to a global community through projects and programs. Rotary creates the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member.
3. I realize that I must describe in my speech how Rotarians change lives through their activities in local and international communities. I also understand that the main emphasis is on how I, as an individual, can, have, and may apply the topic in my past and/or future education and community service endeavors. **You are encouraged to begin your research about Rotary at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).**
4. My speech is to be between 4 minutes and 30 seconds up to 5 minutes and 30 seconds. Under or over that time length will result in a **2-point deduction** from each judge.
5. My speech will be of a persuasive or informative nature and not a dramatic interpretation. Use of audio/visual equipment and/or materials is prohibited.
6. Note cards are allowed but will result in a **2-point deduction per judge** if relied on too heavily. You may have the cards at hand in case of a mental lapse. The speech cannot be read. To maximize a student's chance to score well, it is advisable to not use note cards.
7. I will remain anonymous, not revealing my name, town, school, etc. until after the contest. You may use general information about your school and yourself as illustrations of the theme.
8. The Club Level Contest will be held \_\_\_\_\_
9. If I win at the **Club Level**, I agree to speak at an **Area Speech Contest**, which will be held

10. If I win at the **Area Contest**, I agree to speak at a **District Speech Contest, which will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Merced County Office of Education located at 632 W 13th St, Merced, CA 95341.**

11. If I win the **District Contest** I agree to speak at the **District Business Meeting in May 2025 date, time and location TBD.** *If I am unavailable to present my speech at the District Business Meeting I understand that my place award and financial award will be forfeited and another participant from the District Speech Contest will be judged the winner.*

**Parent and Student Participation Consent**

I agree to participate in and to allow my child to participate in the Rotary Speech Contest as described above, and to abide by all the rules of the contest. If any dispute arises, the decision of the District Speech Contest Chair shall be final.

We have read and understand the contest rules and agree to abide by them.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Vido/Photo Consent**

At various times Rotary video tapes and photograph events. It then subsequently publishes or broadcasts these materials. If you and your parent consent and grant permission for your likeness or work product to be used/featured by Rotary, please sign in the appropriate space below.

Student's name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ is sponsoring the above student for the Rotary District 5220 Speech Contest and will be in charge of making sure the student complies with the rules of the contest and is able to get to the contest safely.

Signature of Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_