



Rotary District 5220 Speech Contest
Speaker Information and Agreement Form
2025-2026

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ City: _____ Grade Level: _____

Sponsoring Rotary Club Name: _____

Sponsoring Club contact phone and email: _____

RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. I will speak on the topic: **How Rotary Unites For Good**
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 Francesco Arezzo International Rotary President's theme of "**Unite for Good.**" Rotary member are encouraged to leverage human connection to create positive change and emphasizes the idea that Rotary members are People of Action who actively work towards making a difference.
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.**
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 present at the **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 21, 2026**

11.If I win the **District Contest** I agree to present my district winning speech at a **Rotary District**

12.*I am unavailable to present my speech at the District Conference 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 _____

Video/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 _____

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: _____