



**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 the 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 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:

- See Judges Rubric on the Oratorical Contest Home Page
  - 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 District 7120 (counties of Allegheny, Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates).

### 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 15th.

- Semi-Final and Final Contest dates, times and venues will be posted on the Oratorical Contest Home Page.
- First Place and Second place winners must present his/her winning speech at the District Training Assembly or the District Conference. Dates will be posted on the Oratorical Contest Home Page when available. Sponsoring Club will provide Transportation.

### 6. Prizes:

1. Local awards to be determined by sponsoring Rotary Club
2. See Scholarships Information on the Oratorical Contest Home Page

### For Further Details:

- Contact your local Rotary Club or
- District Contest Chair Don Collins email: [collinsdonf@gmail.com](mailto:collinsdonf@gmail.com), or
- visit [www.rotary7120.org](http://www.rotary7120.org) and search for "Oratorical".