

Wilsonville Rotary's 4-Way Test Essay Contest

Rules and Administrative Process

Aim of the Contest

1. To promote to young people the ideals and ethical values of Rotary by drawing attention to the wide applications and implications of its Four Way Test.
2. To develop the confidence and self-esteem of the young participants.
3. To provide opportunities for students to test their public speaking skills before an audience, should they so desire.
4. To further the close relationship between Rotary and Wilsonville High School.

Administrative Instructions

Eligibility: Wilsonville High School Ninth Grade Students.

Format: The essay should be submitted in .pdf or Word format and suitable for printing on 8.5 x 11.0 paper. The text should be in 12-point font (Arial or Times New Roman are preferred). Do not insert identifying information such as a name or school on any sheet except the cover sheet. Do not insert graphics.

Cover Sheet: A cover sheet must be attached to each essay. See the attached format for the Cover Sheet.

Due Date: Participants must submit their essays no later than March 15, 2025.

Submission Instructions: Return the completed essays to the WHS Front Office (Ms. Eda Bautista) or E-mail the essays as attachments in Word or PDF format to: peace@wilsonvillerotary.com. Include with your essay the fully completed and signed "Rotary Four-Way Test Essay Cover Sheet.

Essay Length: The essay should be 1000-1500 words in length.

Original Work: The essay must be the original work of the student submitting the essay for competition. Team writing, parental participation, and the use of works written by other sources including AI, even if properly cited, is not authorized. Participating students will sign a pledge on the Cover Sheet stating that the essay is their original work.

Essay Evaluation Criteria

Focus

- 20% How well the student displayed awareness and understanding of the purpose of the essay.

Content Development

- 20% How well the student developed the story line consistent with the purpose of the Essay.
- 20% How well the student presented a skillful pattern on the narrative presenting key points.
- 20% How well the student used control of the language/literary devices/ sentence/paragraph structure.

Subjective Assessment

- 20% Evaluator's overall assessment of the essay

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY COVER SHEET

(This sheet will be attached to each essay submitted)

Student's Name _____

Student's Home Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Student's Home/Cell Telephone Number _____

I declare that this essay is my own original work, and its ideas are mine and mine alone. I understand the Rotary Club of Wilsonville may publish this essay in whole or in part and I consent to their so doing. I further release the use of my image and name in any publicity and marketing materials relating to this contest which are developed and published by the Rotary Club.

There are _____ words in this essay.

Student Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Name (Print): _____

Date Parent / Guardian Signature: _____/_____