

“Help the Truth Win!”

The Four-Way Test Student Essay Contest sponsored by Richmond Rotary
Essays must be submitted by **March 6, 2020**



The Four-Way Test of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

THE CHALLENGE

We live in a society where the truth is becoming hard to discern, which prevents people from solving real problems. Rotarians use the Four-Way Test to evaluate the worthiness “of what we think, say or do.” The Four-Way Test is meant “to encourage the ethical instincts in every person and constitutes a simple and practical guide for people of all cultures.”

Show us, in a well-organized **essay of 1,000 words or less**, how you would apply the Four-Way Test to any aspect of life. Your essay should clearly identify the object of the Four-Way Test (a popular thought, speech, or activity) and evaluate it using the four questions.

ELIGIBILITY

The essay competition is open to **all students enrolled in Richmond-area high schools**.

JUDGING CRITERIA & DEADLINE

We shall judge the essays on how well they apply the Four-Way Test. Student creativity, organization, language and writing style will also be considered.

Essays are **due by Friday, March 6, 2020**. Please submit your essay as a Word Document or PDF, double-spaced, to info@richmondcarotary.org. Include your name, grade, and school at the end of the essay. For information contact Pierre Thompson of Richmond Rotary’s Vocational Service Committee (pierre.thompson@outlook.com).

PRIZES & RECOGNITION

First-place essay: **\$500**, Second-place essay: **\$300**, Third-place essay: **\$200**.

The top three students shall be **invited to lunch at the Richmond Rotary Club** on March 27, 2020, to share their essay and receive their prize.

ABOUT ROTARY

[Rotary](#) is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers who share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change. [Richmond Rotary](#) is celebrating its 100th year with the Miraflores Centennial Project 2020: An Immigrant Story.