



ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST

CLUB AND STUDENT SPEECH PACKET

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ANNOUNCING THE ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST

*Attention: Rotary Club Presidents,
Rotary Club Speech Contest Chairs, and Assistant District Governors*

It is time to announce the Annual Rotary District 6710 Speech Contest for Kentucky High School students. You should start planning now for club and advanced level contests. The sooner your club starts getting the word out and recruiting students from high schools in your service area, the more likely it will be that your club will have a well-planned, organized, and successful contest.

You are encouraged to contact the high schools (both public and private) as well as any homeschool organizations in your club's service area as soon as possible. The speech contest is open to all Kentucky High School students within the boundary of Rotary District 6710 which is generally the western half of the state. A map of the counties is included in this packet. Eligible students include those who are enrolled in public, private, independent or homeschools. It is important that ALL high school students are provided with an opportunity to participate. For this to occur, your club will need to establish contacts at the high schools to promote the contest. It is suggested that the principal and guidance counselor or homeschool organizer be given the appropriate materials for the contest.

An early start will provide students with a chance to get ahead on researching and preparing their speech. Please see that the applicable parts of this packet are given to your club speech contest chair(s) as quickly as possible so they can distribute the information to high school contacts and eligible students.

A local press release should be prepared announcing the details of your club's contest. This can be provided to your local news media, including newspapers and radio and television stations. It might be appropriate, with the school's permission, to set up a booth or table in the school setting to promote the contest. Use your imagination and resources but remember it is up to each club to enthusiastically promote the contest and to see that all area high school students are informed about the speech contest.

This packet includes a poster which can be printed to display. Please see that each school in your service area posts one. No student in your service area should miss an opportunity to participate - our goal is to exclude no one who is qualified and has an interest in participating.

In the event a high school does not provide speech coaching or speech classes, perhaps the English teachers would be willing to work with their students. If none are available, schools may want to organize a parent coaching group to guide interested students. Another option would be to utilize their local Interact or Rotaract Club to coach students as these clubs are

always looking for service opportunities. They can certainly be great recruiters and coaches and can be of assistance to your club on the day of your contest. Check the Rotary District 6710 website (www.rotarydistrict6710.org) for a list of District Interact and Rotaract Clubs.

The Speech Contest is an excellent opportunity to:

- Inform Kentucky youth about Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact
- Assist students in developing written and oral communication skills
- Renew Rotary knowledge and commitment through spirited and talented student presentations
- Get the Rotary story out to the students, media and to the public, as well as to all Rotarians
- Offer financial assistance to students for continuing their education at their next level of choice
- Touch the life of students in order that they may someday serve humanity through Rotary

This Speech Contest Packet contains a copy of all the materials necessary for your club to conduct a contest. [A detailed schedule including location, date, and time of the six Sectional Contests and the three Regional Contests will be provided later.](#) Clubs are currently being asked to host the advanced level contests. If your club is interested in hosting an advanced contest, please let us know.

Sectionals and Regionals are outlined on the Speech Contest Organizational Map contained in this packet. For scheduling purposes, remember:

- All CLUB CONTESTS** must be completed by the end of the first week of March
- SECTIONAL CONTESTS** must be completed by the end of the second week of April
- REGIONAL CONTESTS** must be completed by the end of the first week of May
- NO** contests should be scheduled during Spring Breaks, generally the first two weeks of April
- THE DISTRICT FINAL** will be held at the Tri-District Conference at the Galt House in Louisville, KY; Contest will be on May 9, 2026

Your club Speech Contest Chair will need to make copies of the packet to accommodate the number of schools and participants that will be invited to compete in your contest. Printable packets will be available on the district website at www.rotarydistrict6710.org. Our district website is a valuable resource for information about Rotary, particularly about District 6710 and the clubs within the district. You can find links to many of the local Rotary, Interact, and Rotaract Clubs websites on the District site.

This year's topic and rules are included in this speech packet. Students are urged to become familiar with the contest rules as their speeches will be judged accordingly.

We ask that your club Speech Contest Chair ensures each student contestant completes an entry and release form immediately upon committing to enter your contest. The information on the form will be needed for contacting students during the contest and for reporting the club contest results to the District Speech Contest Coordinator and Regional Coordinators for advance contest notifications. It also provides a release for us to use photos and write articles with student contestants in them to promote the contest. We hope to post contest photos

submitted by clubs on the District 6710 website. We need you to send contest photos to one of the contest committee members in a timely manner.

Each club hosting a contest is to agree with the following responsibilities:

1. Club Level Contest (sponsoring club):

- a. Each club is to provide all cash prizes for their club contest. To encourage parity and unity throughout the District, it is recommended the club cash prizes be \$300 for First Place, \$200 for Second Place, and \$100 for Third Place.
- b. Clubs that schedule their contests during a regular meeting having meals should provide gratis meals on the day of their contest for the student contestants and up to two guests each. Meals are not required if the contest is not held during a regular meeting, however, refreshments for the students and their guests are encouraged.
- c. Clubs are to manage and conduct their club contest including recruiting a Speech Contest Chair, 3 to 5 judges, 2 tellers, and 2 timekeepers. At least one of the judges should be a Rotarian, whether from the club conducting the contest or from another club.
- d. Clubs are to photograph and submit contestant names and a press release to their local news media and submit a completed club contest report form to the District Contest Regional Coordinator and the District Contest Coordinator immediately after the club contest is held. The club report form is included in this packet.
- e. If your club contest student winner advances, your club is responsible for providing financial support for the students' expenses for mileage and lodging as may be required to compete.

2. Sectional, Regional and District Level Host Club Responsibilities:

- a. District 6710 will pay cash awards at all six Sectional Contests, the three Regional Contests, and the District Final. Prize amounts are as noted in the contest schedule for these 10 contests.
- b. The student's sponsoring club is responsible for all transportation, meals, and overnight costs and arrangements (if needed) and are to coordinate arrangements with the students and their schools.
- c. Advanced Contest Host Clubs are to provide gratis meals for student contestants and their guests. These may be limited to three meals per contestant.
- d. If the contest is held at a time other than the host club's regular meeting, light refreshments should be provided for the students and their guests.
- e. Host Clubs are to manage and conduct their club contest including recruiting 3 to 5 judges, 2 tellers, and 2 timekeepers. A majority of the advanced contest judges should be from a cross-section of nearby club members, but not all from the same club or the host club.
- f. Host Clubs are to report contest results, with contact information from all contestants to their District Speech Contest Regional Coordinator and to the District Speech Contest Coordinator immediately after the contest is held. A contest report form will be provided at the Advanced Contests.
- g. All contestant names and the District Check Number must be reported to the District Contest Coordinator.

All participating clubs are encouraged to contact their local news media (newspaper, internet, radio and television), and use their club websites and Facebook, Twitter [X] , Instagram, etc. to announce and promote their club contest and to provide coverage and results on the day of their contest, be it club or advanced contests. Arrangements should be made with school officials, school newspapers ,and school media studios to promote the contest. Many high schools have in-house broadcasting and tele-programming. Taping and rebroadcasting the local Speech Contest would be a wonderful opportunity for competing schools to showcase their school’s talents and spike interest in next year’s contest.

Please e-mail your club speech contest chair’s name and contact information including mailing address, day and night phone numbers, and preferred e-mail address to the District Speech Contest Coordinator. If you or your Club Speech Contest Chair have any questions, contact one of the Rotarians listed below.

We want all high school students to know about our contest and for all clubs in our District to participate in this year’s contest.

Thank you for showing continued interest in the District Speech Contest. It is important that all clubs participate to make it a success. We are counting on you!

Please appoint your club contest chair immediately!

CONTACTS FOR THE DISTRICT 6710 ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST

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Don’t forget to check the District 6710 website often as there are changes of dates, locations, etc. to be expected.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. WHY THE CONTEST:

The District Speech Contest offers high school students an opportunity to speak on a meaningful topic, to sharpen their speaking skills, and to gain recognition in addition to monetary rewards. By participating in the Contests, students will learn about Rotary, its history, and its worldwide mission. Students will also be presented with the potential of establishing a more meaningful relationship with Rotary through one of its Interact or Rotaract Clubs or through direct involvement with its local Rotary Club. Rotarians will benefit by having a club project that provides an opportunity for local high school students to showcase their talents and that contributes to the students' continuing education. Club members learn more about Rotary and their local high schools and students. A good partnership for club and student.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any high school student (freshman through senior) residing within District 6710's boundaries (generally, the western half of Kentucky) is eligible. **Students of Rotarians MAY PARTICIPATE in their parents' or relative's Club Contest** if that club is their school's closest Rotary Club, providing their parents or relatives do not serve in any capacity in the staging of the club contest. Private, public, and home taught high school students are eligible to compete. They should enter the Rotary Club nearest to them holding a contest. **Students may enter only one Rotary Club contest. Students entering more than one club contest will be disqualified from both and will surrender any prize money awarded to them.** An alternate based on the finish in each affected club will be selected to fill the disqualified slots. Clubs are to open their contest to all high school students in their service area. Students from more than one school and more than one student from any one school may end up competing in a club's contest.

3. HOW TO BECOME A CONTESTANT:

Students should enter the Speech Contest of the nearest Rotary Club having a contest in their area by completing an application / release form for the contest. These forms should be available in their high school office, guidance office, speech teachers office, their local Rotary Club or on the Rotary District 6710 website (www.rotarydistrict6710.org) under the youth services and speech contest tabs. Entry forms must be completed and submitted, or a student will not be allowed to compete. It is highly recommended that all students interested in the contest should enroll as early as possible and no later than the start of the Winter Holiday Break. Students should verify the contest date with their local club.

4. COMPOSING & DELIVERING THE SPEECH:

Students are expected to read and become familiar with the contest rules included in the speech packets. Students are to read the Speech Contest Topic sheet that is part of the Speech Contest Packet. They are also expected to research and address the speech topic. Students may consult teachers, parents, Rotary members or others for information, coaching or assistance, but each student must write their own speech. Any part of the speech from other sources must be acknowledged in the speech delivery. Students should become familiar with the contest rules and scoring system. Time limit for speeches is 5 to 8 minutes.

Students may use notes or cue cards while delivering their speech at the club level contests; however, students will be penalized points if they read their speeches. **Student Contestants who win their club contests must deliver their advanced contest speech (levels beyond the club level) without reading or using notes or cue cards. There will be no exceptions to this rule.** Students who read or use notes at advanced contests will be penalized points which will significantly affect their final score.

5. CONDUCTING THE CONTEST:

Each local Rotary Club hosting a speech contest will select a member to serve as their Club Speech Contest Chair. **The Chair is responsible for contacting schools, gathering entry forms, managing, and scheduling the club speech contest, reporting the contest winners, and enforcing the contest rules.** The Chair will oversee the club contest which will be held at a regular or special club meeting. Only one contestant per club may advance to the next contest level. The second-place winner shall serve as an alternate, in the event that the club winner cannot participate at the next contest level. Each sponsoring club is responsible for seeing that their winning contestant is advised of the location, time, and date of the next level contest.

6. PROTOCOL:

For fairness, contestants should be introduced as Contestant A, B, C, etc., not by names, numbers or schools. After all speeches, while Judges, Timekeepers, and Tellers are at work, contestants should introduce themselves and their guests and provide a few words about their background, interests, and what they intend to pursue in their future studies and careers. No one should be allowed to enter or leave the room during a speech. No speech should be applauded, as this may influence scoring. Applause can take place after all contestants have delivered speeches. The club may advise the parents and guests of what they are doing in their community or otherwise during the time it takes the scores to be tallied, and winners confirmed.

7. JUDGING AND SCORING:

If contestants use notes **at any advanced contest level**, there will be a deduction of 25 points off their score. Judges shall weigh each speech based on 1 to 100 points using these criteria: 1-30 for Delivery; 1-35 for Originality; 1-35 for Content. Score sheets are included in the Speech Packets and shall be used by each judge. In addition to the quality and delivery of the speeches, the judges will be scoring on whether the speech addresses the assigned topic.

At least 3 Judges, 2 Tellers, and 2 Timekeepers should be on hand for each round of the speech contest. At least one of the judges should be a Rotarian, whether from the club conducting the contest or from another club. Other candidates for judges may include retired teachers, administrators, government officials, university professors, District Assistant Governors, etc. Contestants shall be allowed to have their parents or family members on hand at all contests. Timekeepers will time the speeches, and Tellers will compute the scores and assign penalties, if any. Final scoring will be calculated on a weighted point system per Judge with 5 points going to each Judge's highest score, 3 points to 2nd place, and 1 point to 3rd.

8. CONTEST MANAGEMENT:

Club Speech Contest winners shall advance to the club's area Sectional Contest. The winner from each of the six Sectional Contests will advance to one of the three Regional Contests and Regional winners advance to the District Final, which are held at the annual district conference each year in May. Regional Speech Contest Coordinators shall be responsible for coordinating the Sectional and Regional Contests in their Region. The District Speech Contest Coordinator will manage all levels of the contest and conduct the Speech Final Contest. Assistant Governors are requested to assist the advanced contest coordinators when asked and may be asked to serve as judges at any contest level.

9. PRIZES:

Each Rotary Club participating shall be responsible for their club's cash award prizes of \$300 to first, \$200 to second, and \$100 to third place finishers. At each club's discretion, additional prizes may be offered if there are more than three contestants. All prizes for contests beyond the club level will be provided by the District. Advanced Contest Prize amounts shall be determined yearly and published in the Speech Packet.

9. PUBLICITY:

Each Club Speech Contest Chairperson/Coordinator is responsible for seeing that all high schools in their service area are contacted and provided speech contest packets and entry forms or advised how to download them from the District website. Contest posters should be provided for posting in each high school. Assistance from the principal, assistants, guidance counselors, speech teacher, debate coach, or other faculty members or parents is essential for the success of the students and the program. The Club Speech Contest Chair is also responsible for publicity - providing press releases to the local news media (radio, television, newspapers, internet) about the contest and announcing and reporting contest winners. School newspapers and announcements should also be used to publicize the contest.

10. DISTRICT WEBSITE:

Contest packets, resources and up-to-the-minute information will be available at the District 6710 website, www.rotarydistrict6710.org, throughout the contest. Look under Youth Services and the Speech Contest tabs. *It is advisable to check the speech contest web pages at least once a month during the contest timeframe.*



DISTRICT 6710 ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST TOPIC

“Service to Others Brings Happiness”

SPEECH CONTEST FAQs

1. **Speech Contest Final** – will be held at the Annual District Conference on May 9th at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.
2. **Contest Sections** – The club contest organization is no different for than it has been in the past few years. There will be six Sectional Contests in the District in which clubs are assigned. Each Section has two Divisions, “Division A” and “Division B.” **Rotarians, please note that the Speech Contest Sections are different from the District’s 12 Club Areas** to which an Assistant Governor is assigned. Be sure to check the club contest chart included in this packet so you and your student contestants will know which Sectional and Regional in which your club contest winner will be participating.
3. **Student Entry** – It is suggested that all interested students enter the contest before the Winter Holiday break to avoid the possibility of missing their local club’s contest, as some clubs like to hold their contest in January. Note that students may enter only one club contest.
4. **Prize Amounts** – The prize structure is noted on the contest organizational chart which is included in the contest packet. A preliminary Contest Schedule and Organizational Chart is being issued with this packet. It will be posted and updated on the District website throughout the contest as needed.
5. **The Contest Schedule and Organizational Chart** – The schedule and chart being issued with this packet is preliminary. It is suggested that your contest chair or coordinator check the district website frequently for updates. An article will be included in the monthly District Governor’s newsletter, “The Spectrum.” Be sure to check the newsletter and the website frequently. Contest dates, times, and locations have been known to change.

6. **Assignment to Clubs and to Sectional Contests** – The District Speech Contest Coordinators and Regional Coordinators reserve the right to reassign students to clubs that have openings to balance competitions and avoid overload on certain clubs. Although this may be slightly inconvenient for some students, it should improve their chances and create a more equitable overall contest.
7. **Student Relative Club Members** – Students can compete in a club contest in which their parent or relative is a member, providing neither parent nor relative participates in any way in the contest. Parents and relatives are allowed to attend the contest.
8. **Assistance Needed** – We may need assistance for the Sectional and Regional contests. Regional Coordinators work with approximately 18 to 20 clubs to ensure that we know who is having contests and who is the contest chair. It is important to stay in touch with the clubs to make sure they follow guidelines, report their contest results, and assist in any way possible. Generally, e-mails and phone calls to the clubs will be sufficient. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, contact District Speech Contest Coordinator Michael Brumleve at michael.brumleve59@gmail.com.
9. **Be Safe, Be Healthy, Be Wise, Be Considerate and Be Kind: We are all in this together.**

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SPEECH CONTEST INFORMATION FOR JUDGES



1. INTRODUCTION

Rotary District 6710 is pleased that you have accepted the responsibility of serving as a judge for one of the component contests of our annual District Speech Contest. It is critical that judging be consistent at all levels of competition. Please read carefully the judging procedure that is outlined below. The suggestions have come about as a result of the input of several individuals, and the desire to obtain continuity at the Club, Sectional, Regional, and District Levels. Carefully note the weighted point value assigned to the three sets of criteria and please become familiar with the score sheet prior to judging.

2. JUDGING CRITERIA:

DELIVERY: Enunciation and pronunciation are basic to any good speech and must be fully considered. Overall expressiveness and sincerity of tone add to the delivery. Poise of the speaker is VERY important. **At all advanced contest levels, speeches are to be memorized. They are not to be read, nor are notes or cue cards allowed.**

ORIGINALITY: The manner in which the content is developed will, in large measure, be determined through its originality. Of major concern will be an approach which is individualistic, imaginative, and has human interest appeal. Personalization of the topic is important. How that is accomplished is up to the speech contestant.

CONTENT: The content must relate specifically to the speech topic. Students should be positive in their approach, and their ideas used to address the topic should be presented logically, clearly, and concisely, from opening to conclusion. Students are expected to carefully research the speech topic, to be factually correct regarding Rotary and any references, and to successfully express their own thoughts, ideas, and opinions. Although speeches are not to be self-gratifying, references to personal experiences and personal opinions and mentors are encouraged.

3. JUDGING PROCEDURE:

Identical score sheets will be used at all levels of competition. Each judge weighs each speech on the basis from 1 to 100 points, with each set of criteria judged as follows:

1-30 points for Delivery; **1-35** points for Originality; **1-35** points for Content

The highest weighted scored speech will be declared the winner. **Tellers are to tally the scores.** In case of a tie for first place, the highest score determined by the judges initial scores will be used to determine the winner. If there is still a first-place tie, judges are to privately reconvene and determine a winner by whatever means they choose, including total raw points or flip of a coin. The decision of the judges is final. Second place ties will result in no third-place finisher, thus the prize money for 2nd and 3rd should be equally divided. If there is a tie for third place, the third-place prize shall be equally divided.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY:

Judges are to initially score on their own without consultation amongst themselves or with others. Thus, judges are not to confer during or after speeches until all score sheets are turned in to the tellers. **Under NO circumstances should anyone but the THREE WINNERS (1st, 2nd, 3rd) be announced.** All other students not finishing in the top three positions should be considered as runners up.

**JUDGES SCORING RULES
AND GUIDELINES**
FOR ALL JUDGES TO READ & SIGN



JUDGING AND SCORING: - JUDGES SHOULD READ & SIGN PRIOR TO CONTEST START

- a. Speeches are to be memorized at all contest levels. If contestants use notes or cue cards in advanced contests, they are to be deducted 25 points.
- b. Judges shall score each speech as indicated on the prepared scoring forms. This includes 1-30 points for Delivery; 1-35 points for Originality; and 1-35 points for Content.
- c. Timekeepers will time speeches, and Tellers will tally scores. Two of each are recommended.
- d. Judges should not be concerned with the time of speech or whether students use notes. The Tellers will deduct 25 points if notes are used for advanced contests and deduct 3 points from a contestant's score for each minute or fraction thereof that a speech is less than 5 minutes or more than 8 minutes.
- e. Speeches must address the official contest topic. Judges are to deduct points for the content section of the score sheet for those speeches that do not comply. Speeches do not have to specifically address Rotary in itself, but they must address the year's topic.
- f. Points need not be deducted for minor mistakes, hesitations or other minor mishaps that may occur in the student's delivery. How well the student recovers from these types of occurrences may more than offset the points that a judge may have deducted.
- g. Students are expected to be factually correct, including their statements about Rotary. Thus, judges may deduct points or award less points to the content score if such discrepancies are noted. Please be sure before you consider deducting points for this.
- h. Judges are to be non-partial, fair, and consistent in how they evaluate and score. Judges are to score without consultation and should only exchange scores and opinions amongst themselves after final scoring is completed.
- i. It is suggested that the judges score the first contestant to establish a base for other contestants to be scored. This is best accomplished by not scoring the first contestant with 10's. You can come back and change scores at any time before turning in your completed score sheet.
- j. There will be no ties for first place. Judges will be "called to task" to decide a single overall winner in the event the scoring ends up in a tie for first place.

Judges are to read the rules above and sign below prior to the start of the contest. Your name is requested on the score sheet in case we need to ask you about a score you wrote.

I have read and understand the contest rules.

Each Judge to Sign

JUDGES SCORING SHEET

Judge's Name

Scoring Criteria			CONTESTANT		
			A.	B.	C.
NOTE TO JUDGES:	Judges are to score each contestant for the scoring criteria 1-3 below and turn their score sheet over to the Tellers who with the Timekeepers will assess any penalty points and total the scores.				
1.	DELIVERY	Max. Score			
	a. Enunciation & Pronunciation	1-10			
	b. Expressiveness & Poise	1-10			
	c. Sincerity & Tone	1-10			
	d. DELIVERY SCORE	30			
2.	ORIGINALITY	Max. Score			
	a. Positive Approach	1-10			
	b. Use of Imagination	1-10			
	c. Individualistic Approach	1-10			
	d. Human Interest Approach	1-5			
	e. ORIGINALITY SCORE	35			
3.	CONTENT	Max. Score			
	a. Related to Subject	1-15			
	b. Logical Development	1-10			
	c. Clarity of Ideas	1-10			
	d. CONTENT SCORE	35			
4.	SUBTOTAL JUDGE'S SCORE	100 Maximum Lines 1d+2e+3d			
5.	PENALTIES - Scored by Teller	Point Deducts			
	a. Contestant Used Notes, Cards, or Reads Speech (if advanced level contest)	- 25 Points			
	b. Speech Time less than 5 or longer than 8 minutes	- 3 Points per minute or fraction			
6.	TOTAL ADJUSTED SCORE	Total of Yellow Boxes Above 4 + 5a + 5b			
7.	CONTESTANT'S FINAL POSITION (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd etc.)				

Scoring sheets must be used for Weighted Scoring to determine the winner.

	TIMEKEEPER'S SCORING SHEET
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1. In the chart below, record the minutes and seconds of each speech. Begin timing after the contestant has addressed the audience or stated the title of his or her speech. If the student begins without addressing the audience or stating the speech title, begin timing immediately.
2. Indicate in the Penalty Box "Yes" or "No" if the contestant's speech time is **less than 5 minutes or exceeds 8 minutes**.
3. There shall be two Timekeepers for each contest.
4. Timekeepers are to turn in this scoring sheet to a teller after the last contestant has spoken.
5. Weighted Scoring Sheets are to be used by the Tellers to determine winner.

CONTESTANT	ACTUAL TIME OF SPEECH		3 Point Penalty Per Minute or Fraction Over 8 minutes or Under 5 minutes	
	Min.	Sec.	Deduct 3 Points Penalty - No	Deduct 3 Points Penalty - Yes
A				
B				
C				
D				
E				
F				

	TELLERS WEIGHTED SCORING SHEET Based on 5-3-1 Weighted Scoring System
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1. There shall be two Tellers who shall collect the judges' score sheets and timekeepers' records.
2. Tellers are to tally the judges' scores, and after deducting any penalties, designate the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place scores earned by the contestants at the bottom of each judge's score sheet.
3. Tellers will then assign a "5" to each speaker who was first on a judge's score sheet, a "3" to each person who was second on a judge's score sheet, and a "1" to each speaker who was third on a judge's score sheet.
4. The contestant who has the most points will be declared the First Place Winner. The contestant who has the next most points will be declared the Second Place Winner, and the contestant who has the next most points will be declared the Third Place Winner.
5. In case of a tie for first place, the Speech Chair or Coordinator shall consult with the judges and tellers to assist them in declaring a winner. In case of a tie for second place, each tied contestant will be awarded equal shares of the total of the second and third place prize amounts.

<u>WEIGHTED SCORES:</u>	CONTESTANT				
5 Points for FIRST 3 Points for SECOND 1 Point for THIRD	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.
JUDGE 1 SCORE					
JUDGE 2 SCORE					
JUDGE 3 SCORE					
JUDGE 4 SCORE					
JUDGE 5 SCORE					
TOTAL SCORE JUDGES 1 thru 5					
FINAL STUDENT STANDINGS (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd etc.)					



ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST REPORT FORM

PRIZE AMOUNTS:

	First	Second	Third
Club	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 100
Sectional	\$ 400	\$ 200	\$ 100
Regional	\$ 500	\$ 300	---
Final	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 500

SECTIONAL NO.

REGIONAL

DISTRICT

Please Circle or Highlight the Level

CLUB

1 2 3 4 5 6

West Central East

FINAL

Host Club:	Date of Contest:	Reported By:
Location:	# of Contestants:	Email:

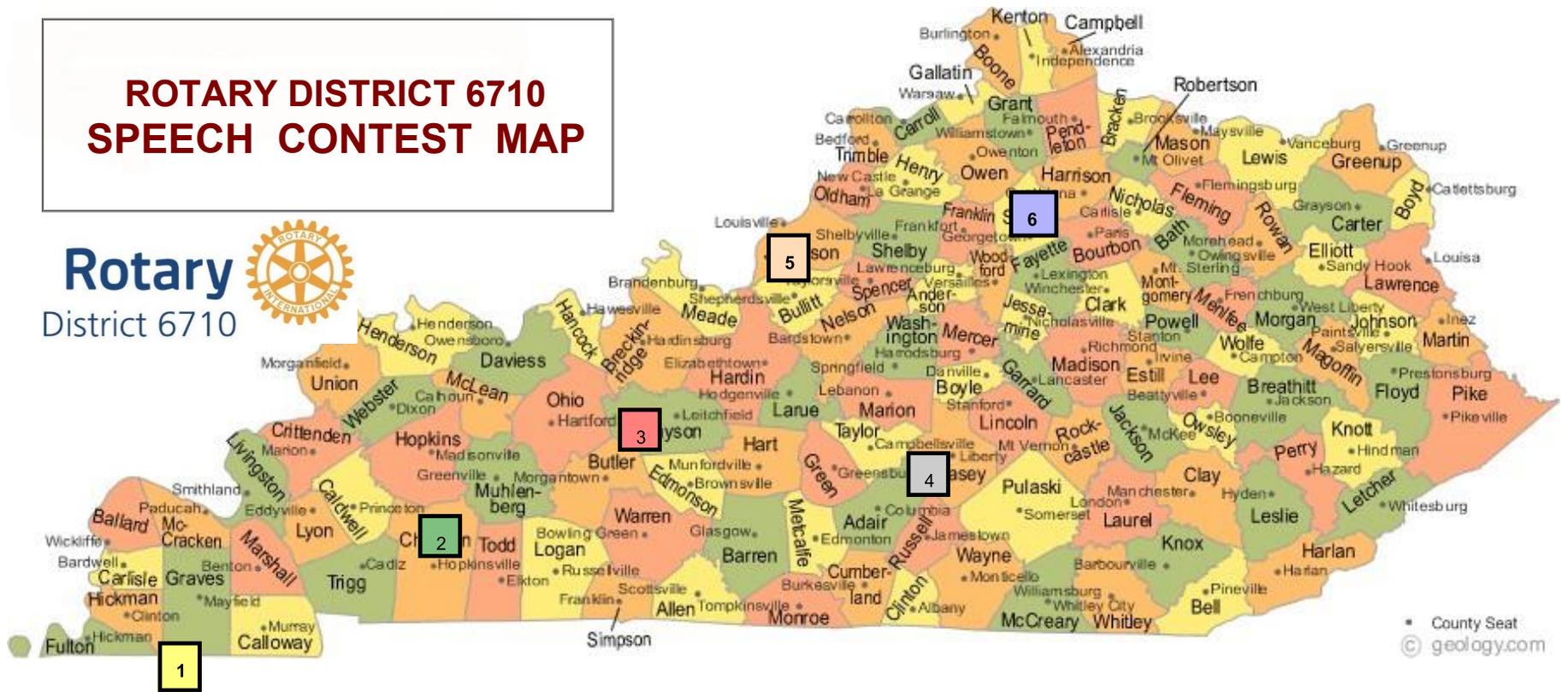
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Student's Cell Phone:												
Student's E-Mail:												
Host Club Contact:	Host Phone:											
Host Contact E-Mail:												

**IF ADVANCED CONTEST
you must provide the
District Check No. and Amount**

Please submit the completed form at each level of the contest to your regional coordinator and the District Speech Contest Coordinator Mike Brumleve @ michaelbrumleve59@gmail.com

ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST MAP

Rotary
District 6710



• County Seat
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NOTE: Map does not include the District Wide 6710 Passport Virtual Club

SECTION 1 Jackson Purchase	SECTION 2 Coal Fields	SECTION 3 Pennyrile	SECTION 4 Cave Country	SECTION 5 Metro Louisville	SECTION 6 Bluegrass
<u>Division 1A</u> Clinton Fulton Hickman Mayfield Murray	<u>Division 2A</u> Hopkinsville Madisonville Owensboro Union Co.	<u>Division 3A</u> Bowling Green AM Bowling Green Grayson Co. Scottsville South-Central KY	<u>Division 4A</u> Bardstown Danville Harrodsburg Hodgenville Springfield	<u>Division 5A</u> Louisville Southwest Louisville	<u>Division 6A</u> Bedford Carrollton Eminence La Grange South Oldham Co.
<u>Division 1B</u> Cadiz Dawson Springs Marshall Co. Paducah Princeton	<u>Division 2B</u> Elkton Franklin Henderson Muhlenberg Co. Russellville	<u>Division 3B</u> Brandenburg Elizabethtown Hardin Co. AM Hardinsburg Radcliff	<u>Division 4B</u> Campbellsville Glasgow Greensburg Horse Cave Lebanon	<u>Division 5B</u> Louisville Suburban Prospect-Goshen	<u>Division 6B</u> Frankfort Lawrenceburg Owenton Shelbyville

SCHEDULING CHECKLIST FOR CLUB CONTEST CHAIRS



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER - CONTEST PROMOTION AND QUICK START

- Carefully review Speech Contest Packet to become familiar with rules, schedules, and prizes.
 - Schedule time, date, location and confirm recommended prize structure for your Club Speech Contest.
 - Talk with appropriate Rotary-Friendly school personnel to identify each school's contest liaison / coach.
 - Develop a speech recruiting plan with the school liaison and provide contest posters to each school.
 - Have student Newspaper and Student Radio run announcements on the Speech Contest
 - Review topic, format, prizes, and rules w/teachers who will assign, monitor, or coach students.
 - Provide schools contest rules and registration sheets (with local time, date, and location entered).
 - Announce Club contest dates in club bulletin, local newspaper, club website and/or social media.
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DECEMBER / JANUARY - STUDENT SPEECH PREPARATION

- Identify and enroll student participants from each high school in your club service area.
 - Assist students, teachers and coaches as requested or otherwise needed.
 - Offer to review students' written speeches for appropriateness to speech topic.
 - Encourage and/or assist schools in setting up speech practice sessions.
 - Post club contest dates in club bulletin/newsletter and on club website.
 - Meet the school participants and their coaches and answer any questions they may have.
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FEBRUARY / MARCH - SEE CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR CLUB CONTEST DATES (THREE WEEKS BEFORE CLUB CONTEST)

- Recruit 3-5 Judges - 3 Judges and two back-ups. At least one Judge should be a Rotarian.
 - Recruit 2 Timekeepers and 2 Tellers from your club membership.
 - Provide Judges with contest instructions, criteria sheets and score sheets included in the speech packet.
 - Have judges sign off to confirm that they have read the rules.
 - Make special food arrangements with the club caterer. Students and families are provided gratis meals.
 - Request newspaper or other media coverage for promotional assistance and to cover the day of contest.
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(ONE WEEK BEFORE CLUB CONTEST) - CLUB CONTEST CONFIRMATIONS

- Pick up awards (e.g., certificates, trophies, or plaques), if offered in addition to the club’s cash prizes
 - Coordinate with Judges, Tellers, and Timekeepers, remind them of the date and time of contest.
 - Arrange for calculators for Tellers and stopwatches for Timekeepers.
 - Confirm the number of guests and parents that will accompany each student contestant (for club gratis lunches).
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(DAY OF CLUB CONTEST) - HAVE CONTINGENCY PLANS

- Confirm attendance with Judges, Tellers, and Timekeepers.
 - Remind newspapers and media of coverage.
 - Have calculators for Tellers and stopwatches for Timekeepers, if necessary.
 - Greet contestants, families, teachers, coaches, and other guests.
 - Have Club Treasurer provide checks for Contest 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners.
 - Have winning students legibly complete personal and contact information on the club contest report form.
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IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLUB CONTEST - COORDINATE WITH DISTRICT

- Email club contest report form to your Regional Coordinator and the District Speech Contest Coordinator.
 - Inform winning student of Sectional Contest date, location, and time in writing. See sample letter in packet.
 - Each club is responsible for coordinating attendance at the student’s next level contest with their school.
 - Clubs may coach their club winner for the advanced contests. Students may continue to work on their speeches.
 - Sponsoring club should have a representative attend the advanced contests to support their student winner.
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DATES TO REMEMBER

CLUB Contests	must be completed by	The end of the first week in March
SECTIONAL Contests	must be completed by	The end of the second week of April
REGIONAL Contests	must be completed by	The end of the first week of May
DISTRICT FINAL	is scheduled during	The District Conference

WORKSHEET FOR ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST CONTACTS



	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Local Club Contest Chair		

Rotary Club Contacts		
District Contest Coordinator	Michael Brumleve	502.291.7351
District Contest Co-Coordinator	Stan Klausung	502.592.8821
West Regional Coordinator	Melissa Earnest	270.875.0322
Central Regional Coordinator	D Porter	415.755.8571
East Regional Coordinator	Steve Roling	812.454.9262

School Contacts		
High School Principal		
English Dept Head or Teacher		
Speech / Debate Coach		

Media Contacts		
Newspaper		
Radio		
Television		
School Paper		
Social Media		

Judges		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Timekeepers		
1		
2		

Tellers		
1		
2		

ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST

STUDENT ENTRY FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY EACH STUDENT CONTESTANT



Student Name:				Class: PLEASE ✓		FR		JR
				Age: _____		SO		SR
Street Address:								
City:				Zip Code:				
Name of School:								
Student E-Mail:								
	Home Phone:			Cell Phone:				

Currently I am enrolled at the above-named school and wish to enter the Rotary District 6710 Speech Contest. It is my understanding that I am to present a 5-to-8-minute speech on this year's Rotary Speech Contest Topic by participating in a locally sponsored Rotary Club Speech Contest. If I am successful, I will advance to a Sectional Contest, followed by a Regional Contest and then a District Final Contest. I also hereby consent to Rotary District 6710 publishing my photo or speech delivery to local newspapers and to the District Web site to publicize the winners and promote future Rotary Speech Contests. If I am not 18 years old, my parents or guardians give their consent by signing below.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Students are to return this completed form to their Rotary Club Speech Contest Chair or School Official

Name of Sponsoring Rotary Club	Club Speech Chair
Club Mailing Address	Club Speech Chair Phone Number
	Club Speech Chair E-Mail

Note to Club Contest Coordinators / Chairs:

Each club's speech contest coordinator/chair is requested to issue the letter below, or a similar letter, to their club contest winner. It is important that this letter be provided to the contest winner at the end of the contest if possible or be mailed or e-mailed to the winner within a week after the contest. This letter will be posted on the District website as a Word® file to assist you in completing.

The winning student will need to know where to go next and the Sectional Contest host club will need to know how many students will be competing and how many parents or guests will be accompanying them. The complete contest schedule and dates are posted on the District website at www.rotarydistrict6710.org.

In addition to sending out the below letter, please forward the contest results forms contained in the speech packet to your Regional Coordinator and to the District Speech Contest Coordinator – michaelbrumleve59@gmail.com.

Date:

Dear *(Club Winning Contestant's Name)*,



Congratulations on being the winner of the *(insert your club's name)* District 6710 Rotary Speech Contest.

The next contest level will be the *(Sectionals or Regionals)*, which will be hosted by the *(insert Host club name)*, at the *(insert location and address)*. The *(Sectionals or Regionals)* Contest will start at *(insert time)*, but you are requested to arrive at least 15 minutes early. The hosting club will provide a meal for you and up to two guests. Including you, there could be up to *(insert number)* contestants. Prior to the contest, names will be drawn to determine the order of delivery.

If you cannot attend the contest, we would appreciate as prompt a notice as possible in order that we may arrange for your club's second-place contest winner to advance and compete in your absence.

If you have any questions, please contact *(insert your name and phone # and/or e-mail address)*. Your contact at the *(Sectionals or Regionals)* Contest host club is *(insert name and contact information)*. If for any reason you may be late or cannot find the contest location, please contact *(insert host club contact person name and cell phone number)* so the host club will know that you may arrive late and can adjust as needed.

Thank you for participating in our annual Rotary Speech contest.

Good Luck!

(Your Name & Signature)

cc: Regional Contest Coordinator District Contest Coordinator Sectional Contest Host Club Chair	See the latest contest schedule on the District 6710 website for dates
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ANNOUNCING THE ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST

ABOUT THE CONTEST

- ❑ Speeches must be 5-8 minutes duration.
- ❑ All High School Students within Rotary District 6710's Service Area are eligible.
- ❑ Winners of each Contest Level advance to the next contest level.
- ❑ Judging criteria include Delivery, Originality, and Content.

4 CONTEST LEVELS

Local Club Contests
Jan 5 to March 6, 2026

Sectional Contests
March 9 to April 10, 2026

Regional Contests
April 13 to May 1, 2026

District Final May 9, 2026

THIS YEAR'S SPEECH TOPIC

"Service to Others Brings Happiness"



Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers. We see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary has a long history of working within seven areas of focus:



CASH PRIZES

LOCAL CLUB LEVEL:
1st - \$300; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100

SECTIONAL LEVEL:
1st - \$400; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100

REGIONAL LEVEL:
1st - \$500; 2nd - \$300

DISTRICT FINAL:
1st - \$1,000; 2nd - \$500; 3rd - \$500
District Final Winner:
Total Winnings = \$ 2,200.00

To Find Out More

Google your local Rotary Club
or
Stop by the School Office

or visit
www.rotarydistrict6710.org
and look for
**Rotary Youth Service
Speech Contest**