



Rotary District 5890 4-Way Test Essay Competition Rules for Interact School Year 2021 / 2022

General:

Rotary District 5890 will again sponsor a district-wide essay competition for **active 12th grade Interact members** who are graduating in 2022 and are College, Trade or Vocational school-bound. This year Rotary District Governor Michelle Bohrer has budgeted \$6,000 for the 4-Way Test Essay Contest. The competition focuses on all or any part(s) of Rotary International's "4-Way Test" of the things 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?

Deadline for entries:

1. **Students** must submit their completed essay as an electronic 'Word' document and the signed Cover Sheet to their HS Interact Club Sponsor **no later than Friday, February 18, 2022.**
2. **HS Interact Club Sponsors** should do the following:
 - Review the forms for accuracy and completeness.
 - Sign the Cover Sheet indicating eligibility and send it in as a PDF attachment or mail it in separately.
 - E-mail the essay as an electronic '**Word**' document and the completed Cover Sheet to jack@jackhardin.com **no later than February 25, 2022.**
3. These deadlines are **binding.**

Essay Contest:

Entries should:

1. Include a title.
2. Focus on one or more of the 4-Way Test elements.
3. Contain between 300 and 600 words in length (including title), not counting the Cover Sheet. **Essays containing more than 600 words will not be accepted.**
4. **NOT identify your high school or Rotary Club by name in the essay!**
5. Contain student's name in the upper left corner of each page.
6. Be typed in 12-point font and double-spaced.
7. Be accompanied by the signed, completed Cover Sheet.
8. Be submitted to the Interact Club Sponsor electronically as a 'Word' document no later than February 18, 2022.
9. Be forwarded by e-mail to the Rotary District Contest Chair (jack@jackhardin.com) by the Interact Club Sponsor no later than February 25, 2022.

Essay Judging:

Evaluation and scoring will be conducted by a panel of judges of Rotarians from District 5890 and will focus on the following criteria:

1. How well the topic is covered.
2. Originality.
3. Personal experience.
4. Grammar, spelling and title.
5. Overall quality of writing.

Awards:

Three levels of awards will be made in the form of financial scholarships. Winners will be contacted with instructions on how to claim their prizes. All financial awards will be sent directly by the Rotary District Treasurer to the student's college or school of choice.

- 1st place will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.
- 2nd place will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.
- 3rd place will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Schedule:

These competition Rules, Cover Sheet and Schedule will be made available for download from the Rotary District 5890 website.

1. February 18, 2022 Students should submit their essay entry and signed Cover Sheet to their HS Interact Club Sponsor for verification and signature of eligibility.
2. February 25, 2022 HS Interact Club Sponsor should **e-mail** each essay and Cover Sheet to Jack Hardin at jack@jackhardin.com.
3. February 25, 2022 Judging process begins.
4. March 11, 2022 Judges submit essay ratings to the Essay Contest Chair.
5. March 28, 2022 Winners and HS Interact Sponsors will be notified of results.
6. To be determined Winners will be recognized at the District 5890 Interact Conference

Cover Sheet
Rotary District 5890
2021 / 2022 Interact 4-Way Test Essay Competition
E-Mail to jack@jackhardin.com
713-667-0222

Please print neatly:

Name of Interactor _____

Address - Street _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Sponsoring Rotary Club _____

Name of High School _____

Name of Interact Sponsor _____

Phone number _____

E-Mail Address _____

By signing below, I certify this information to be true and fully correct, that I am an active member of Interact and will attend college or vocational/trade school in Fall 2022.

By signing below, I certify this information to be true to the best of my knowledge and that this person is a current Interact member.

Student Signature and date

Interact Sponsor Signature and Date

District use only: Number assigned to essay: _____

**Rotary District 5890
4-Way Test Essay Competition**

Information For HS Interact Sponsors:

Procedures for submission of each essay:

1. **Send the essay with a completed and signed Cover Sheet to Jack Hardin, Rotary District 5890 4-Way Test Essay Contest Chair, by February 25, 2022.**
2. Scan the completed and signed **Cover Sheet** and e-mail as a **PDF attachment** (or if scanning is not available, mail it separately to Jack Hardin, 3605 Katy Freeway, Suite 211, Houston, Texas 77007). **If mailing the Cover Sheet separately, the postmark deadline is also February 25, 2022.**
3. Although the Cover Sheet may be submitted separately by mail, only essays submitted in the specified electronic form will be considered. In an E-mail to jack@jackhardin.com, attach the essay as a 'Word' document. **Use the student's name as the filename.** (do NOT send the essay as a PDF.) The contest committee will replace the student's name in the filename and on the 'Word' document by a number, before submitting it to the judges.

Winners will be announced on or before March 28, 2022, by E-mail to the winners and to their Interact Club Sponsors. Winners must then provide the name and address of their college, trade, or vocational school, and any student identification number as soon as possible after this so that arrangements can be made for payment of the scholarships directly. Scholarship award recognition will be provided to sponsoring Rotary clubs at the Interact and Rotary District Conferences.