



**Speech Contest**  
**April 17, 2021**  
**Virtual Performance**

Compete with the best speakers of high school age students, to win recognition and prizes and showcase your talents.

**District Contest Cash Prizes:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$1,000.00*</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>

To qualify, you must win a speech contest at your local Rotary club and advance to District level.

\* The First Place Winner at District level is invited and expected to deliver his or her speech at the District 5280 Conference May 15, 2021.

Rotary International is a global leadership and service non-profit organization, operating as 32,000 clubs local clubs – an organization big enough to tackle big problems, while also deeply involved in the clubs' local communities. More information is available on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**Speech Topic:** *Doing Good in the World* (Rotary Foundation Motto)

As a contestant, you should structure a speech that explains, promotes or clarifies how this theme is a positive solution to life's challenges. You may choose a challenge within the nation, state, community, school, family or a personal challenge and apply *Doing Good in the World* as the message of the speech.

**Official Rules:**

1. Speech must be an original work, 4 to 6 minutes in length, composed by the contestant. Speakers will be given timing cards at 4 min., 5 min. and 6 min., and will be disqualified if they speak longer than 6 minutes 30 seconds. Quotes may be used but should be no more than 10% of the speech.
2. Speech must not be read or delivered from notes. One 3"x5" note card will be allowed.
3. Contestant must be currently enrolled in high school or of high school age.
4. Contestant will compete at the sponsoring Rotary Club before **March 17, 2021**. [or earlier – refer to sponsoring Rotary club.]
5. Club winners will advance to the District finals to be held **April 17, 2021** virtually via Zoom.
6. If the contestant is under 18 years of age, the Registration/consent form must be signed by their parent/legal guardian.



**REGISTRATION  
ROTARY DISTRICT 5280  
HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST**

**DISTRICT COMPETITION TO BE HELD APRIL 17, 2021  
VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE  
ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED**

Name of Speech Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School or Alternative Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Rotarian Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotarian Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rotarian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief summary of speech topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*I have read and agree to abide by the Rotary District 5280 Speech Contest Rules.**

\*Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Permission:**

- If my son or daughter wins the Rotary Club Speech Contest, I give my son/daughter permission to compete in the Rotary District 5280 High School Speech Contest to be held **April 17, 2021** virtually via Zoom. I understand my son/daughter's presentation/performance may be videotaped.
- I understand my son/daughter, should they place first in the District Contest, will be expected to speak at the Rotary District 5280 Conference to be **May 15, 2021**.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_