

The Rotary Four-Way Test Essay Contest

The Westchester Rotary Club (WRC) sponsors an essay contest to encourage students to reflect on a code of ethics in their lives. That code, known as the Rotary Four-Way Test, is **“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?”**

Judging Criteria:

- The essay must directly relate to the four-way test. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- The essay must be between 500 and 1500 words.
- The essay’s topic and language should be appropriate for any audience. It may, however, address adult issues.
- The essay should have a thesis statement and be clearly written.
- It should be grammatical and free of spelling and typographical errors.
- Each paragraph should be supported with specific examples or facts.

Awards:

Contest winners will receive cash prizes, which in the past have ranged from \$200 to \$1500 depending on the quality of the essay. As many as three winners per school will be selected.

Qualifications:

Student must be a junior or senior at Westchester High School or St. Bernard High School.

How to enter:

The student should submit an original essay to the appropriate school liaison, who in turn will submit such writings to Spencer Kelly, Westchester Rotary Club Youth Director.

Deadline:

Essays must be received by WRC by April 30th, 2010.

Selection and announcement:

Winners will be announced May 2010.

Contact Information:

- WRC Youth Director – Spencer Kelly, 2301 Rosecrans Ave., Ste. 2160, El Segundo, CA 90245. spencer@regattainvest.com (310) 254-7679. *Good writing and good luck!*