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**Rotary Club of Elk Grove**

**2021 ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST**

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**March 3, 2021 6 P.M.**

**District 5180 Speech Theme:**

 **“How 2020 Opens Opportunities”**

**The contest will be conducted via Zoom. Contestants will receive a link to connect.**

The speech must be between 5 and 8 minutes.

Notes **are** allowed at the club level, **one 3 x 5 note card** is allowed at the semi-final level, but **no notes** are allowed at the finals level.

**Club Level Prizes:** 1st- $200 2nd-$100 3rd-$50

First Place Winners then go to the regional semi-final competitions held March 23 - April 26.

**Semi-final Prizes:** 1st- $250 2nd-$100 3rd-$50

The four First Place Semi-final winners will compete in the District Finals in May 2021 -

Final Speech Contest Prizes: 1st- $1,000 2nd-$700 3rd-$400 4th-$200

For further information contact **Elliot Mulberg** at**mulberg@gmail.com**

**Rotary District 5180**

### SPEECH CONTEST STUDENT ENTRY FORM

I hereby apply to enter Rotary District 5180 Speech Contest. I will compete on \_\_**3**\_/\_**3\_\_\_/\_\_2021**\_\_\_ at the club contest of the Rotary Club of  **Elk Grove**.

I agree to abide by the rules of the Rotary District 5180 Speech Contest and to create an original speech for delivery.

I will enter **ONLY ONE** Rotary speech contest during 2019-2020. I will not share my speech with any other contestant in the district.

***Please fill out completely and legibly***

Student Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Student Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: Home: ( )\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cell: ( )\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Home Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(City)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (zip code) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ Names (optional):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Name of Teacher or Coach (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TO ENTER THE CONTEST, RETURN THIS FORM**

 **TO\_ElliotMulberg\_email:Mulberg@gmail.com\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NOT LATER THAN \_\_\_Feb\_/\_\_\_28\_/\_\_2021 \_\_\_**

## 2020/2021 SPEECH CONTEST RULES

**GENERAL RULES**:

1. Due to COVID-19 this year’s contest will be a virtual contest via Zoom
2. Contestants must be high school students in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
3. Students being schooled at home in a program recognized by their school district or the State of California are allowed to enter.
4. A student may compete in **only ONE Rotary District 5180 club contest**.
5. Any prior year’s winner at any level may compete again at the club level, as long as they are otherwise eligible, and advance if they win.
6. All contestants must log in to the **Zoom** meeting **NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES PRIOR** to the start of the contest. Late arrivals will be **DISQUALIFIED**. There are no exceptions to this rule.
7. The topic for every contest level is **“How 2020 Opens Opportunities”**.
8. The same speech must be used for all levels.
9. The speech must be **at least 5 minutes, but not more than 8 minutes in length**.
10. Under penalty of possible disqualification, contestants **may not mention their name, school or sponsoring Rotary Club** prior to or during their speech.
11. **No displays, props or prompting are allowed**. Clothing containing logos may be considered props.
12. **No pictures or video recording** are permitted during any speaker’s presentation.
13. Protests or concerns about the conduct of the contest at any level must be made to the moderator of the contest **prior to the announcement of the winners**.
14. All contestants must agree to speak at the semifinal and final contest should they advance that far.
15. In the event that a club or semifinal winner becomes unable to compete at the next level, the runner-up in the original contest will be offered a chance to compete.

**CLUB CONTEST:**

1. All of the **General Rules** apply at this level.
2. Contestants may use written notes at club level contests.
3. Use of microphones (handheld or wireless) is encouraged, though not required, at this level.
4. Awards: this amount is paid by the club and must be consistent at all clubs.
	* 1st place: $200 and Participation Certificate
	* 2nd place: $100 and Participation Certificate
	* 3rd place: $50 and Participation Certificate
	* 4th place: Participation Certificate

\*If Contestants do not score a minimum of 65 totals points, the club is not obligated to give awards.

**SEMI-FINAL CONTEST:**

1. All of the **General Rules** apply to this level.
2. The first place winners in each Rotary District 5180 club contest will compete in their respective regional semifinal for the right to advance to the District Final Contest. Regional groupings for semifinal contests are explained on page 2.
3. The four regional semifinal contests will occur at sites arranged by the pairs of assistant governors listed on Page 2 and approved by the District Speech Contest Chair.
4. Contestants are **required** to use a **microphone** at this level.
5. Written notes on **one 3x5 card** are allowed.
6. The Judges at this level may **NOT** be Rotarians. Judges will be selected by the assistant governors of the participating areas.
7. Awards : these awards are paid by the district.
	* 1st place: $250 and Participation Certificate
	* 2nd place: $100 and Participation Certificate
	* 3rd place: $50 and Participation Certificate
	* 4th place: Participation Certificate

**FINAL CONTEST**: (4 Contestants)

1. The winners of the four semifinal contests will compete in the District Final Contest – Location and time TBD.
2. All of the **General Rules** apply to this level.
3. Written notes are **not** allowed.
4. Contestants are **REQUIRED** to use a **MICROPHONE** at this level.
5. The judges at this level may **NOT** be District 5180 Rotarians. The District Speech Contest Chair will select the judges.
6. Awards : these awards are paid by the district.
	* 1st place: $1,000 and Participation Certificate
	* 2nd place: $700 and Participation Certificate
	* 3rd place: $400 and Participation Certificate
	* 4th place: $200 and Participation Certificate