

Rotary International District 5280 Ethics Forum Rotaract Team Presentation Competition

Saturday, April 14, 2018 Loyola Marymount University 1 LMU Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90045 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Topic:

- 1. Select a topic after reviewing the Topic Selection instructions posted on the District website. (In past years, a list of suggested topics was provided. Teams are free to select a topic of their choice. However, please submit your chosen topic as soon as possible so that it can be reviewed and approved for the competition.
- 2. Apply the Rotary Four-Way Test to selected topic:
 - Is it the TRUTH?
 - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- 3. Resolve the topic issue based upon the Four-Way Test.



District Contest Cash Prizes:

1st Place \$1,500.00

2nd Place \$750.00

3rd Place \$375.00

Presentation Rules:

- 1. Only one team per Rotaract Club may compete. Rotaract Teams should be comprised of 2-4 Rotaract members. Coaches may be members of a non-sponsoring Rotary Club and need not be a Rotarian. Each team may select and bring an alternate team member.
- 2. Team presentations should be oral dissertations of the ethical dimensions of the selected topic, explaining why the topic *is* an ethical issue, defining relevant terms, providing pros and cons based upon research facts. The presentation should not include audio visual aids.
- 3. Teams should prepare a 10-minute presentation, and be prepared to present an abbreviated 5-minute and 3-minute presentation.
- 4. The **Preliminary First Round** will be a 10-minute presentation from all teams. This round will conclude with feedback from the panel of judges.
- 5. The **Elimination Second Round** will be an abbreviated 5-minute presentation. This round will conclude with feedback from the panel of judges.
- 6. Based upon cumulative scores from the first two rounds, selected teams shall advance to the Championship Round.

- 1. Download necessary forms from District Web Site: Flyer, Rules, Registration, and Judge's Evaluation.
- 2. Sponsoring Rotary Clubs should contact their own Rotaract Club immediately if the club plans to sponsor a Rotaract Team for the Ethics Forum. The Rotary Club is responsible for the entrance fee of \$250 and is also responsible for identifying a coach to work with the Rotaract Team.
- 3. Registration and entrance fee must be received/emailed to the District Office, no later than Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Receipt of registration and fee will be confirmed by email.
- 4. Rotary Clubs are encouraged to invite their Ethics Forum Rotaract Team to present at least one practice round at a club meeting. In the alternative, club members might choose to attend a Rotaract Team practice presentation at a place convenient to the Rotaract Team members. Rotary members are strongly encouraged to attend the Ethics Forum competition to support their teams.

Good luck to all participants!