

# The 4 Way Test Essay Contest

## The Four Way Test

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 CONCERN**?



## What is the essay contest?

This contest is open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. You can enter both years even if you win the previous year. Your essay is due by February 21, 2020. There will be an assembly announcing the winners. All students who enter will receive a certificate.

Prizes are

**1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100**

First place winner's essay will be sent to compete in the Rotary District contest. Prizes are

**1<sup>st</sup> place \$750**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$500**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$200**

The first place winner at the District level *MUST* attend and read his or her essay at the District Conference which is being held on April 4, 2020. If the winner cannot attend, then the prize is given to the runner up.

*Herndon Middle School has won 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place at District for the past 5 years.*

## What do you do to enter?

Write an essay about the Rotary 4 Way Test. Your essay should not be any longer than 1500 words. It is okay to write less. The essay should be typed and double spaced.

Your parents and you must sign an agreement that if you win the District Contest, you will attend the District Conference

## What is an essay?

For the purpose of this contest, an essay is defined as an attempt to put your thoughts about the "Four Way Test" into writing. You can concentrate on a particular subject such as bullying proving it is wrong according to the Four Way Test. You can use a personal experience using the Four Test. You can write about an abstraction such as love, success, freedom, morality, or democracy using the Four Way Test. You can use first person or third person. But you must begin with a statement about the goal for the essay and end with a conclusion.