



**GUIDE:**  
Rotary Clubs of Pismo Beach/Five Cities & Grover Beach  
4-Way Test Essay Contest 2018

**THE 4-WAY TEST OF 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?**

**ESSAY SUBJECT:**

Students will consider how "The 4-Way Test" can be used in everyday decision-making, and relate in an essay a story in which they applied these principles in daily life.

**WHO:** All primary, intermediate, middle school and high school students are eligible.

**GUIDELINES:**

- The essay may be based upon any subject of interest to the student. Topics from past essays included special friendships, family interactions, playground experiences, sportsmanship, historical figures, current events and personal role models.
- The essay must address all four of the 4-Way Test Principles.
- Student creativity, organization, language and grammar usage will be considered as part of the judging criteria.
- Entries must include Student's name, grade, school, email address, phone number, name of teacher and name of principal.
- Essays are to be typed. Please email essay if possible as an **ATTACHMENT** to [kzappia@gmail.com](mailto:kzappia@gmail.com).

**WORD COUNT:**

- 150 Words for Grades 1-6
- 200 Word minimum, 1500 Word maximum for Grades 7-8
- 250 Word minimum, 1500 Word maximum for Grades 9-12

**AWARDS:** First, Second and Third place winners will be selected from each school level (primary grades 1-3, elementary grades 4-6, middle school grades 7-8 and high school). The entries will be judged by a panel from Pismo Beach/Five Cities and Grover Beach Rotary Clubs. The awards will be presented at a Rotary awards luncheon.

First Place Winners	\$300
Second Place Winners	\$200
Third Place Winners	\$100

*Winning entries will be submitted to Rotary District 5240 to compete for additional prizes.*

**DUE DATE:** Entries **MUST** be received by Thursday, March 1st, 2018

They may be emailed to [kzappia@gmail.com](mailto:kzappia@gmail.com) or mailed to:

Rotary Essay Contest  
350 James Way  
Pismo Beach, CA 93449

Call **Karen Zappia at 704-7548** for questions or if you would like entries picked up at your school.