

Your hometown High School Student could win one of TWO SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1250 or \$750) with your help!

Dear Club President:

District Governor Tom Marshall, along with the District Speech Contest Committee, invites your club to participate in the 12th annual Rotary District 6250 Speech Contest! Please contact your members who are connected with the local high school(s) staff to share this opportunity with High School students. Use these time-tested strategies to assist your club in becoming a successful Speech Contest Sponsor:

1. Choose someone in your club who is “high school savvy” and responsible for meeting your deadlines.
2. Divide the high schools among Rotary Clubs if there is more than one in your area.
3. Check on the progress from time-to-time.
4. Invite students to share their speeches with your club.

Who can apply?

- The contest is open to high school students ages 16 -18.
- Each entrant must be sponsored by a District 6250 Rotary Club.
- Each Rotary Club may sponsor one student only.

When & where will the contest be held?

- **When:** **Sunday – April 19, 2009** is the date of the contest.
- **Time:** **12:00PM – 5:00PM**
- **Where:** The Community Theatre in Wisconsin Rapids the site of this year’s competition at 220 3rd Avenue South Suite 6, downtown Wisconsin Rapids.

What is the theme of the speech?

“Make Dreams Real” is our Rotary speech theme for 2009. The speech should illustrate, **Make Dreams Real**, in the speaker’s life. More than 26,000 children under the age of five years, die every day from preventable diseases. Rotarians are working to attack the root causes of child mortality: lack of clean water and sanitary facilities, illiteracy and malnutrition and a variety of other mortality producing concerns.

District 6250 is involved with some type of community or international project that will help children from all over the world to be able to dream about what the future will hold for them and reduce the rate of child mortality. This speech should clearly demonstrate exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others.

What is the prize?

- First Place **\$1250 Scholarship**
- Second Place **\$750 Scholarship**
- Both winners will share their prize-winning speeches with Rotary District 6250’s 2009 conference attendees.
- The conference will be held in at Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, WI – May 1-3, 2009.

Rotary District 6250 SpeechContest Rules

1. Speeches must be no longer than 6 minutes
2. Note cards may be used but no speech may be read
3. No props are allowed
4. Speeches will be judged on delivery originality and content
5. The decision of the judges shall be final
6. The order of the speakers will be determined by a random drawing

Deadline

OFFICIAL ENTRY APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2009

Entries will not be accepted after this date. There will be no exceptions.

Where to submit entries and contact information...

Mary Wirtz – Speech Contest Chairman
478 East Grand Avenue – Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494
Fax: 715/423-3019 or mwirtz@wctc.net

Rotary District 6250 **“Service Above Self”**
Speech Contest Entry Application

Applicant Information:

Student

Name: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
 Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____
 Street Address City State Zip

Phone # () _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____ Community Location: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

** If parent/guardian information is different from student, please complete the following:*

Mailing Address *: _____
 Street Address City State Zip

Phone # * () _____

Rotary Club Information:

Sponsoring Rotary Club: _____

Rotary Contact Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____
 Street Address City State Zip

Phone # () _____ Email: _____

**This entry form must be completed and received
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SUBMIT COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO:**

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