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ROTARY DISTRICT 6710  
Speech Contest  
Student Entry Form



**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY EACH STUDENT CONTESTANT**

Student Name:		Class: PLEASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FR	JR
		Age:	SO	SR
Street Address:				
City:		Zip Code:		
Name of School:				
Student E-Mail:				
Home Phone		Cell Phone:		

Currently I am enrolled at the above named school and wish to enter the Rotary District 6710 Speech Contest. It is my understanding that I am to present (without any notes) a 5 to 8 minute speech on this year's Rotary Speech Contest Topic by participating in a locally sponsored Rotary Club Speech Contest. If I am successful, I will advance to a Sectional Contest, followed by a Regional Contest and then a District Final Contest. I also hereby consent to Rotary District 6710 publishing my photo or speech delivery to local newspapers and to the District Web site to publicize the winners and promote future Rotary Speech Contests. If I am not 18 years old, my parent or guardian gives their consent by signing below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Students are to Return this Completed Form to *their Rotary Club Representative or School Official***

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Name of Sponsoring Rotary Club

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Speech Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Speech Chair Phone Number

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Club Speech Chair E-Mail

## 2015-16 DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST TOPIC

The Rotary District 6710 Speech Contest started in 1994. Since its inception, the annual topic for the Speech Contest has been the Rotary International President's chosen 'Theme'. This year's Rotary International President, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindram, from the Rotary Club of Colombo in Sri Lanka, proclaims "We in Rotary aspire to great deeds. We admire those who gave great gifts to humanity; Abraham Lincoln ,



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who gave the gift of human dignity to the downtrodden; Mother Teresa, who gave the gift of compassion to the forgotten; Mahatma Gandhi, who gave the gift of peaceful change to the oppressed. Their very lives became gifts to the world. We can be inspired by their example."

President Ravi continues "It is never the material value of the gift - it is the love that comes with it. What we give through Rotary becomes a gift to us. We all have a choice: whether to keep our gifts to ourselves or to give them to others and thus ***Be a Gift to the World.***"

The District 6710 Speech Contest is open for all Kentucky High School Students who reside within the District's service area, which is basically the western half of the state. Students are to prepare their speech by addressing this year's Theme / Topic. **This can be applied to the student's personal observations and experiences or to Rotary or other organizations who have similarly engaged and had a significant impact on a local, national, or international level.**

Student contestants are to research and offer their own personal insights and perspectives on this year's topic. Speeches may reference Rotary and/or its purpose and past accomplishments, but **the real objective for each speech is for each contestant to address the topic on a personal level.** What does this theme mean to each student and in what ways can they see it being fulfilled

No more than 20 words by someone else can be used without crediting the person of origin. Speeches are to be 5 to 8 minutes long. Penalties are assessed if this time window is broken. **Speeches are to be memorized. Using cards or written notes is not allowed at any contest level. Student scores will be penalized if not followed.** There will be speeches at the club level and three advanced levels - Sectionals, Regionals and Finals. Prize values increase as the winners advance. The District Winner will have finished first at all four contest levels.

Detailed questions may be directed to your local Rotary Club or to the District Speech Contest Coordinators listed on the Rotary District 6710 web site and in the speech packets. **For the latest contest information, students are encouraged to visit our**

**w e b s i t e a t**

**[www.rotarydistrict6710](http://www.rotarydistrict6710.org)**

**.org** and click on the

Speech Contest tag. Here

**y o u c a n f i n d**

downloadable Speech

Contest packets and other

valuable information.

Any changes in the

advanced contest schedule

will be posted here.

The District web site will

also track the contest as it progresses and will post

contest rules, schedules, times, locations, prizes and

reference links and materials that may be helpful to

student contestants. Students and Speech Contest

coaches are urged to check the Speech Contest Pages

on the District 6710 web site frequently as they

prepare for the contest.

Students entering this year's contest - please take note

that the **District Speech Contest finals are**

**scheduled to be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>**, at the Annual

District Contest in Louisville.

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*This year we are truly focused on giving back - sharing our gifts for the benefit of mankind.*