



Annual District 7850-Wide Speech Contest

Inspiring Youth. Building Confidence. Celebrating Ideas.

Each year, the **Rotary Club of St. Albans** proudly participates in the **Annual District 7850-Wide Speech Contest**, inviting high school students from across our Rotary district -Franklin County- to share their voices, visions, and values.

This exciting event encourages students to develop and present original speeches based on a selected theme that reflects **Rotary's core values**, such as service, leadership, ethics, and community engagement. The contest not only builds public speaking and critical thinking skills but also empowers young people to engage with meaningful global and local issues.

Contest Overview:

- **Who Can Participate?**
High school students (grades 9–12) that live within Franklin County are invited to compete.
- **Speech Topic:**
Each year, a new theme is selected, aligned with Rotary's mission and values. (Check back soon for this year's topic!)
- **Speech Length:**
5–7 minutes
- **Judging Criteria:**
Speeches are evaluated on **content, delivery, originality, and relevance to the theme.**
- **Contest Levels:**
 1. **Local Club Contests** – hosted by the Rotary Club of St. Albans
 2. **Area/Regional Semifinals**
 3. **District 7850 Finals** – featuring top students from across the district
- **Awards & Recognition:**
Prizes are awarded at each level, and finalists receive recognition at the **District 7850 Conference.**

Why Participate?

- Develop public speaking and leadership skills
- Share your ideas with a wider audience
- Connect with community leaders and peers
- Gain experience that strengthens college applications and resumes

- Win scholarships and awards!

Important Dates:

- Local Club Contest is usually in February
- Regional Semifinals: March and April
- District Finals: May or June
(Exact dates and locations will be posted soon.)

Location of Finals:

The District Finals are typically held in conjunction with the **Rotary District 7850 Annual Conference**. Location and details will be updated here.

How to Enter:

Interested students should contact their local high school or the **Rotary Club of St. Albans** for application details.

Updated information should be available by early January.