

Rotary District 5495

District Grant Final Report

Due April 30, 2024 – Complete at Conclusion of Project

Project Title: 94th Annual Speech Contest

Rotary Club of: Phoenix

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Project Description

1. Briefly describe the project outcomes. What was done (in 100 words or less)? Our Speech Contest is open to all high-schooled aged students within Arizona. They compete for Scholarships to be used for their college education. We have Lower Division (Freshmen and Sophomores) and Upper Division (Juniors and Seniors). Upper Division Scholarships are \$4,000 (1st Place), \$2,500 (2nd Place), \$1,000. (3rd Place) and \$500. (4th Place) and Lower Division Scholarships are \$1,000. (1st Place), \$750. (2nd Place), \$500. (3rd Place) and \$250. (4th Place). We also offer \$1,250. to the two teachers whose students get the two highest cumulative scores.

When (dates) and where (city, state and country) did project activities take place?

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, our day long event is held within the House of Representatives Building at the State Capitol. The Finals and Awards Ceremony are held within the Salvation Army Complex at 27th Street and Van Buren on Friday, April 11, 2025. Both venues are in Phoenix, Arizona.

Who were the beneficiaries? High School aged Students from throughout Arizona. We had 71 students (and their Coaches and some parents) attend on Saturday. They represented 25 Schools. Three of the schools were from outside of Maricopa County (Oro Valley, Tucson and Cottonwood) and the rest were from throughout the Metro Phoenix Area. On Friday, April 11, the top 8 students (two from each grade level) and their Coaches and Parents attended the Finals/ Awards Ceremony along with Rotarians and Guests.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 42 Rotarians (including one Rotarian from another Rotary Club) participated this year, and our District Governor (Michelle Holcomb) attended both on April 5th and April 11th
3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples. The entire project was run by Phoenix Rotary 100 members. This includes: promoting our Speech Contest, setting up and overseeing Registration, being Judges and Time Keepers and Door Monitors and Traffic Control and Food Handlers and Photographers and Program Hosts (explaining Rotary and how they can get involved) at our Saturday Contest. For Friday's event, we again had Judges and Time Keepers and Food Handlers and Photographers run the Finals and the Awards Ceremony.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? Directly, the 71 students and their Coaches and their Parents. We also had 7 Non-Rotarians assist us with the Saturday Event as Judges and Prep Room Monitors.
5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? Providing Financial Assistance to college bound students in pursuit of their dreams. This pursuit not only opens their minds to knowledge, but exposes them to a broader view of life, cultures, way of thinking and understanding with the hope that it makes them a better citizen of the world. Our contest also affirms the benefits of effective public speaking and quick thinking as they maneuver through life. With Rotary sponsoring this contest, we hope that we leave our mark as an organization that sponsors and promotes education and Youth.
6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? The House of Representatives and Salvation Army provided venues for both April 5th and April 11. Both of these oversaw and assisted with setting up for our events. Also,

Financial Report (Use second page, if needed. District must receive receipts of all expenditures)

7. Income Amount

1. District Grant funds received from the District	2000.
2. Club funds	15,095.63
3. Other funding (specify) Bashas donated a \$500.00 gift card that we used towards beverages for both days	500.
4. Other funding (specify)	-
Total Project Income	\$17,595.63

8. Expenditures (please be specific)

1. Trophies, including engraving for the winners	470.12
2. Food for Saturday, April 5- Jason's Deli	3,084.23
3. Food for Saturday, Einstein Brothers	325.54
4. Scholarships for the 8 students	10,500.
5. Sweepstakes & Coaches Awards for the two Coaches	1,250.
6. Food for Friday's Award Ceremony	1,965.74
Total Project Expenditures	\$17,595.63

Income and expenditures must balance.

Please save this form (PDF only) and upload, with all project receipts (also PDF), to the Documents section of your project page at rotarygrants.org

Photos are appreciated and may be uploaded to the photo section of your grant's page on the website.

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate.

Club President Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dan Capote', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 4/16/2025

Club President printed name: Dan Capote

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