



## Rotary District 7450 Participant Code of Conduct

You have been selected for this Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program ("Program") because you have been identified as a leader. This program will enhance your personal abilities, and give you the opportunity to meet and share ideas with other leaders. Our speakers, activities, and discussion groups will provide you with many positive and helpful approaches to personal growth.

Rotarians are looking forward to sharing the RYLA experience with you. Please **attend all assigned activities**.

While we require your acknowledgement of this Code of Conduct, as leaders, we are confident that you will behave in a manner your parents and sponsoring Rotarians would be proud of. Should any participant's conduct be considered unacceptable at any time by RYLA officials, that participant's parents/guardians will be contacted immediately to remove them from the Program.

We want the next RYLA to be welcome at Penn State Great Valley Campus Conference Center. Please leave the facilities and grounds as clean as when you arrived. Follow the requests of staff. Report damage or breakage immediately to your Group Leader or Dormitory Monitor.

You are encouraged to approach any Rotarian or staff for assistance at any time.

### Procedures and Rules

#### General:

1. You have made a commitment to attend RYLA from Saturday morning through to the end of the program on Saturday night. If a conflict arises, and you can't attend the whole program, contact your sponsoring Rotary Club immediately per RYLA Cancellation Policy.
2. Transportation is NOT provided to or from the Program. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements with Parents/Guardians, or alternatively with their sponsor Rotary Clubs.
3. Help us maintain security at RYLA by wearing your nametag at all times.
4. If any person is injured or becomes ill, do not move him/her. Immediately contact your Group Leader or other staff, or call 911 if appropriate.
5. If you take medications, whether prescribed or "over-the-counter", each participant is responsible for retaining and securing medications in original containers and consuming only as prescribed.
6. Tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs are not permitted at RYLA. Any violation will lead to dismissal from the Program.
7. Remain on site in designated areas. Do not leave the Penn State Great Valley Campus Conference Center boundaries.

8. Use of cell phones and other electronic devices for texting and voice conversations is not permitted during meetings, activities or meals. If used inappropriately, they will be confiscated until the end of the day.
9. Treat everyone with respect. Discriminatory, foul or abusive language, physical violence or threats, or sexual or lewd misconduct will not be tolerated. Any of these behaviors may result in removal from the Program.
10. All Participants will comply with laws of all applicable legal jurisdictions.
11. Any Participant that is removed from the Program for non-compliance with the Code of Conduct, will be responsible for reimbursing the sponsoring Rotary Club for the entire \$325 sponsorship fee that was paid by the Sponsoring Rotary Club within 14 calendar days.

**Small Group:**

1. You will be assigned to a small discussion group. A Rotaract Member will be your group leader. You will meet your group in your designated area to participate in discussion groups, meetings and activities as a group throughout the Program.
2. Be on time to all meetings and remain in the meeting according to the schedule.

**Dining:**

1. Participants are responsible for notifying RYLA staff of any special dietary needs or allergies.  
***Restrictions are required on the online application completed by all participants.***
2. Staff will explain procedures for getting in line for food. Listen carefully and follow their directions. You may obtain seconds when everyone has been served.
3. Participants are responsible for cleaning up after meals.

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to honor it.

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| Print Name          |   |      |  |
| High School Name    |   |      |  |
| Sponsor Rotary Club |   |      |  |
| Student Signature   | X | Date |  |
| Parent Signature    | X | Date |  |