



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Quick Fact Sheet

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www.RotaryDistrict7450.org/ryla



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for 14-18 year olds. RYLA emphasizes:

Leadership

Citizenship

Personal Growth

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Publicly recognize young people who are rendering service to their communities

Who should attend?

Scholarly community service student leaders who are sophomores, identified throughout our district's high schools, are the targeted student base who are deserving of this leadership award conference. The program draws on these student's prior service experiences and teaches them further skills in carrying out leadership and community service activities. Bringing together young leaders from our Rotary District is a dynamic experience for everyone in attendance.

How do we find such young leaders?

This program should be understood by high school guidance counselors as an opportunity to award students from their community that exemplify community service leadership and high academic achievement. The counselors should view the information located at www.RotaryDistrict7450.org/ryla to learn more about how to nominate a student to attend. At this website they will find all the current information on this year's RYLA conference, find application forms, and the program schedule.

Another, and perhaps concurrent, source of students is from our Interact Clubs. The Faculty and Rotarian Liaisons to the high schools' Interact Clubs could also identify qualified candidates for RYLA.

Why should a Rotary Club participate in RYLA?

RYLA is the one district youth conference that brings all of Rotary's New Generations' programs together. RYLA is attended by our Rotary Youth Exchange Students, District Rotaract Club members, Interact Club members, and Rotarians who work with our district youth programs. RYLA attendees tend to seek out their high school's Interact Club or become the student leadership necessary to start an Interact Club if none exist. **RYLA seeds Interact Clubs for Rotary Clubs.**

What should I do to help?

Give this quick fact sheet to your local Rotary Club's area high school(s) guidance counselors so they can nominate a deserving student at their school to attend this year's RYLA Conference.

Questions?

Contact RYLA Chair **Chantal Eadeh** at email: chantaleadeh@eadeh.com or Cell: 610-564-6644

Write in your Rotary Club's RYLA Liaison's contact information here:

Rotary Club contact: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

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