



## **What is RYLA?**

RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, is an intensive training program for young community leaders. Young people chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expenses-paid experience to explore leadership skills and to practice those skills through application. Individual Rotary Clubs select the participants, pay their expenses, and insure transportation to and from RYLA.

## **RYLA's Core Curriculum includes . . .**

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Rotary's purpose and service to the community
- Building self-confidence and self esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship

## **About RYLA Seminars . . .**

During this intensive program, keynote speakers from various professions, and perhaps even a few Rotarians, address the participants on issues that are particularly relevant to the development of strong personal and leadership qualities. Much time is devoted to activities that provide for participants to get to know each other and to work together on group projects. Evenings are devoted to various entertainments, such as recreational activities and social events.

## **STAFF . . .**

The program will be directed by Rotary professionals, who are assisted by qualified educators. In addition, lectures and discussions will be presented by experts and leaders in various aspects of the community.

## **District 7360 RYLA candidates are . . .**

- Current high school sophomores or juniors entering their junior or senior year in the fall
- In good academic standing
- Cooperative in nature but willing to take charge
- Excited about meeting new friends
- Interested in having fun
- In possession of leadership ability, strong communication skills, and the aptitude for seeing what needs to be done and stepping up to do it – OR show the potential for developing these attributes

## **What have past participants had to say about RYLA?**

- "This is a great camp and has really prepared me for my last high school year and future college years!"
- "I am so glad I came - it was an amazing, unforgettable experience."
- "I had the time of my life. Thanks!"
- "I liked being thrown into an unexpected situation and getting to know everyone."
- "I enjoyed the experience to meet and interact w/ leaders like me! I liked learning things that I can take back to my school."
- "I liked meeting all of the new and interesting people from our Rotary District. Also, I liked learning more about myself."
- "I liked the experience of working with my generation's leaders. It was very refreshing."

**Please complete the following. If additional space is needed, you may add a separate page.**

WORK EXPERIENCE: Summers / After School:

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Honor Roll, Awards, Special Classes, Concentrations, etc.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL INTERESTS, HOBBIES, TALENT, AND RECREATION:

(We are going to have a coffee house/talent show – would you be interested in participating? (Yes / No)

**On a separate page, please compose a short essay on why you should be chosen as a RYLA participant and what you hope to gain from such an experience.**