

What is RYLA?

RYLA emphasizes the development of leadership skills, citizenship and community service through a 3-day conference filled with group activities focused on listening and communicating, time management, team building, and public speaking. Young adults will gain awareness of ways to manage their own lives, serve their communities and make their mark on society.



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RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and 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.
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

Rotary Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.









Candidate Criteria

Most successful candidates for RYLA meet some or all the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated leadership experience or potential
- A cooperative nature and willingness to participate in a group
- An awareness of current events and international issues
- Strong communication skills
- Good performance in school or work
- Enthusiasm for sharing newfound skills with others
- Dedication to community service

The Role of Clubs

The support and interest of individual clubs is a critical element in planning a successful RYLA at any level.

Rotary clubs make RYLA happen.

Clubs are responsible for selecting participants and funding their attendance.

The clubs and our district committee involved in running RYLA programs are charged with introducing participants to Rotary ideals and values.

In general, clubs are the primary contact point for most youth participants throughout their RYLA experience.