District 7910 • Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Information Sheet for RYLA Selection Partners

(This info is summarized from the RYLA7910.ORG website and "ClubPack" booklet. Please refer to those resources for more in-depth information.)

WHAT IS RYLA?

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- 3-day Leadership Development Conference for high school students, held annually on the last weekend in June
- Organized, presented and funded by local Rotary Clubs
- A nation-wide program; regional RYLA conferences are held throughout the United States
- The District 7910 RYLA Conference is presented by Rotarians from Rotary International District 7910, which is comprised of over 50 individual Rotary Clubs and serves approximately 112 towns and communities in central Massachusetts

HOW CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

- Students must complete an APPLICATION and be SELECTED for participation.
- Student must be a High School Sophomore at the time of application/selection.
- Sponsoring Rotary Club will cover the entire cost of the student's attendance, meals and overnight housing.
- Student must be available to attend the ENTIRE 3-day conference.

WHAT MAKES A STUDENT A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR RYLA?

- RYLA is for students who have leadership potential and/or would benefit from leadership training.
- The best candidates for Leadership Development are *not necessarily the top students!*

RYLA is NOT a scholarship, trophy or citation to be simply "conferred upon" top-performing students! We want students who have an <u>expressed interest</u> in the opportunity, and <u>who will actively participate</u> in the RYLA experience! RYLA is a vibrant, dynamic opportunity for personal growth. The success of the entire conference depends upon the full participation of all students!

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A SELECTION PARTNER:

The Rotary District does not dictate how individual clubs approach student selection, and therefore each local club has their own way of doing it. **ONLY THE ITEMS CHECK-MARKED BELOW ARE THE ONES BEING ASKED OF YOU.** Regardless of how many items you're being asked to help with, **it's important that you understand your responsibilities are critical to the selection process, and that deadlines MUST BE adhered to.**If deadlines are not met, students will not be able to attend RYLA, and the Rotary Club will forfeit their sponsorship funds.

Steps in the Selection Process	Timeframe / Deadline
• Collect Applications from interested students (Application	vided) Any time after school year begins, thru March 10 Forms will be provided) prior to interviews Feb. thru Early March
By March 1, the Sponsoring Rotary Club will let you know h	ow many students to select.
• Select(#) Attendees and optionally, one or more Alte	rnates
selected Attendees cannot attend the RYLA Conference, an "Alternate" i available openings from other communities in the Rotary District. IMP Alternates MUST REGISTER AND SUBMIT SIGNED PAPERWORK just a	selected as an "Attendee", may be designated as an "Alternate." If one of your may be promoted to attend in their place. Your Alternates may also be invited to fill ORTANT: Although they are not yet guaranteed the opportunity to attend, designated s if they were an Attendee. This ensures that we have pre-processed all the required or them. Openings can (and do) occur right up to the weekend of the conference!
Rotary Club must submit these names on the RYLA website by April	he Sponsoring Rotary Club
 Notify Applicants (Response Letter Templates will be pro- Letters to Attendees and Alternates must include the RYLA Registration 	,
• Follow Up with Selected Students to make sure they register online by the April 15 deadline	
Make sure students submit their ONLINE REGISTRATION to RYLA	
SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB / CONTACT INFO	SELECTION PARTNER / CONTACT INFO
Name of Local Rotary Club	School or Organization
Contact Person from Local Rotary Club:	TITLE of Individual Responsible for Selection:
Name	Name
Phone	Phone

Email