



Handbook for Club Presidents  
and RYLA Chair Persons  
Rotary District 7710

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Remember, the deadline for receipt of properly completed applications and fees is November 30, 2016.

Mail to: **RYLA Conference Selection Committee**

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If there are any questions regarding RYLA, please do not hesitate to contact the RYLA Committee Chairperson, Dave Stuckey.

Thank you all for your participation in this extraordinary Rotary event and we very much look forward to meeting your delegates.

# What is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference?

*A guide for Rotarians, High School Counselors, Delegates and Parents*

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of District 7710, RYLA is a truly unique leadership conference specifically designed for high school juniors. This district geographically represents the ten north-central counties of North Carolina. Delegates who are chosen to attend this conference are students who have demonstrated leadership potential in scholastic, athletic and civic activities. Those who attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference will be tomorrow's leaders.

*Our aim is to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth;  
provide an effective training experience for selected youth leaders and potential leaders;  
encourage leadership of youth by youth; recognize publicly young people who are  
rendering service to their communities.*

To this end, a truly outstanding program has been developed with discussion moderators, professional facilitators and alumni counselors coming from many disciplines. Discussions and experiential sessions focus on what leadership is; qualities of leadership, team-building activities, trust activities, time and stress management. There is also a high and low ropes challenge course and the opportunity to complete a personality profile. Delegates to the conference are selected and sponsored by local Rotary Clubs. There is no cost to the delegates or their family.

Delegates are selected in conjunction with school officials. Rotary clubs encourage school officials to nominate several candidates based on demonstrated leadership potential. Local Rotary clubs interview and select possible delegates. Notification of delegates chosen to attend the Conference will be made by January 31, 2017.

The Conference runs from 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2017 through 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 23, 2017. Students need to understand that they will miss school on Friday, April 21. It is held at Camp Oak Hill in Oxford, North Carolina. It is situated on 100 beautiful wooded acres just northwest of Oxford. Students are housed at the facility.

Delegates to the Conference are members of a chosen few. They are selected because of their scholastic, athletic and civic achievements as well as their personality and desire to improve themselves. The hope of Rotary is to send them home better equipped to face the world by utilizing those leadership tools they were exposed to during these three days.

# Application Procedures

## Each Club is Guaranteed Three Slots up to the November 30 Deadline

Interest in RYLA has increased dramatically and acceptance procedures are in place to insure that each club submitting properly completed applications and fees no later than November 30th is guaranteed three slots. After November 30th, those slots are released to other clubs. The fee per delegate is \$325.

## Make Sure Your Club's Applications Are Properly Completed

*First* - Make sure that your candidates have filled in all the Delegate Biographical Information and that both the candidate and their parents have signed the Standards of Conduct and Medical Release.

***We must be in possession of the original signatures. Do not submit photo copies.***

*Second* - Let us know who you are by completing the Submission Form for the Sponsoring Rotary Club with the Rotarian contact, including phone number.

*Third* - Rank all your candidates in the lower right box, where #1, #2 and #3 are your first, second and third choices, remember these can be guaranteed spots. Send in as many applications as your club desires to sponsor. After November 30th, remaining places are released to clubs with more than three applicants. These applicants may be accepted based on the date received and their ranking.

## Things to Remember

You can submit as many completed applications as your club desires to sponsor. We normally receive over 125 applications each year. Incomplete applications will not be processed. We will accept the first 100 properly completed and paid delegate applications. This is one event in which children of Rotarians are permitted to participate.

*We also encourage you to invite your delegates to several of your weekly meetings prior to the RYLA Conference. This will give them a "taste" of Rotary and the ability to meet the persons responsible for extending them this opportunity.*

**After everything is ready, mail to:**

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# Selection Criteria

## Suggested Criteria for Selecting Delegates

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS ONLY (either male or female) who:

1. Demonstrate the potential for leadership in their schools, communities and churches.
2. Exhibit strengths (interests, abilities, attitudes, and values) that position them for leadership roles as adults.
3. Hold good academic standing ( min. “B” average, while not absolute, should be a guide).
4. Conduct themselves according to the standards set for the RYLA conference.
5. Will make an informative presentation on the RYLA conference to members of your club.
6. Will follow through with the preliminary requests related to RYLA:
  - a. Complete and return to the sponsoring club the Application Form;
  - b. Sign and submit the Standards of Conduct for the RYLA conference;
  - c. Complete and submit the Medical Release Form with parent signature.

## Please Note

Although you should seek assistance from your local high school principals, guidance counselors or ministers when naming a delegate; please do not depend entirely on the judgment of persons who are not Rotarians. RYLA’s purpose is to recognize, reward and develop proven young leaders. To this end:

Interview candidates,

Acquaint them with Rotary,

Invite them to several Rotary meetings prior to the conference,

AND have them back after the conference to give a report to the club.

# Information to Share (and not share) with your candidates

## Transportation

Once accepted, Rotarians must coordinate the delegate's transportation to Camp Oak Hill and pick them up on Sunday, joining us for lunch. This coordination between the sponsoring Rotary club and the delegates is mandatory. Delegates are not permitted to drive themselves to the conference.

## Leaving the Facility

In the interest of the delegates' benefits from the conference as well as their safety, no student will be allowed to leave the facility for any part of the weekend. Please make sure that both parents and students understand that there are no exceptions.

## Costs

While there is no cost to the candidate, this conference is not free. The sponsoring Rotary club is sending their delegates on a full scholarship. Being chosen to attend is an honor. It is left to each club to determine a policy regarding delegate repayment to the club's scholarship fund should the delegate choose to withdraw after the refund deadline.

## Expectations

The sponsoring Rotary Club expects their delegates to make a presentation to the club after the conference. We hope all delegates will maintain some contact with Rotary through Interact, Rotoract, Rotary Youth Exchange or other Rotary programs and scholarships.

## Acceptance Packets

Delegates receive notification of their acceptance by January 31, 2017 and information packets will be sent regarding clothing guidelines, what to bring, transportation information and emergency contact information.

*Shhh!!*

*If you know about the activities and events that occur at RYLA,  
please don't share.*

*An integral part of the process is learning how to manage when everything  
is unknown.*

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**– Rotary Club Submission Cover Form for RYLA 2017 –**

Attention RYLA chairs:

Please return this as a cover with your completed RYLA Applications by November 30, 2016. Check off the boxes to indicate completed paper work:

- All completed Applications are legible.
- All Applications have parent/guardian signatures in ink.  
*For insurance purposes, the RYLA staff must have the original parent signatures (and NOT a photocopy or facsimile) with us on site at the conference.*
- A check made out to Rotary District 7710 (with RYLA on the memo line).
- Applications are ranked. (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, etc.)

Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

RYLA contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy**

Any cancellations must be made prior to February 15, 2017. No Refunds can be made after that date.

No delegate substitutions after February 15, 2017.

If a delegate withdraws after this date, the club may impose a penalty fee on that delegate.

Send complete packet to:  
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Please PRINT or TYPE ALL Information.

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**- RYLA Scholarship Application-**

Last Name		First Name		Prefer to be called	
Address			City		Zip
Home Phone		Student Cell		Gender M      F	Date of Birth /   /
Student Email Address				Interact Club Member Yes _____ No _____	
Parent's 1 Name			Parent's 2 Name		
Parent's 1 Email Address			Parent's 2 Email Address		
Parent's 1 Cell			Parent's 2 Cell		

School Activities:

Offices held, Honors, Awards:

Organizations (Not School Related) in which you are active :

Career Objectives
Hobbies

For Rotary Club Use Only	<b>RANK</b>
Name of Sponsoring Club	

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**– STANDARDS OF CONDUCT –**

Delegates are expected to adhere to the Standards of Conduct while attending the conference. Delegates found to be in violation of the following Standards will have their parents notified and may be asked to leave the conference at the parent’s expense.

- 1. *Possession or use of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages or tobacco.*
- 2. *Theft, misuse, or abuse of public or personal property.*
- 3. *Sexual misconduct.*
- 4. *Possession of weapons or firearms.*
- 5. *Unauthorized absence from the premises of the event.*
- 6. *Unauthorized visitation in sleeping rooms occupied by delegates of the opposite sex.*
- 7. *No visitors are permitted on the premise over the course of the conference.*

Realizing these guidelines are not “all inclusive,” the RYLA Committee reserves the right to make adjustments to these policies. Exercising good judgment will prevent occurrences which are not within the best interest of Delegates to the Conference. Curfew violation, failure to participate in the weekend activities, unauthorized use of vehicles, inviting non-delegates to visit and disturbing the peace are examples of disruptive activities. The discretion of the RYLA Committee will determine which penalties may be imposed.

**– MEDICAL RELEASE –**

My son/daughter has my permission to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference to be held April 21 - April 23, 2017. I authorize any one of the responsible adults to secure any necessary medical care for said person, including emergency surgery. I realize every effort will be made to contact parents should any medical treatment become necessary. I also release and discharge the sponsoring groups and adults from all liability whatever respecting and injuries and/or damages sustained by said person during the conference.

**– ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS –**

Since the conference begins at 10:00 a.m. on Friday April 21, it is necessary to miss school that day. We understand that delegates are expected to attend the entire conference and will plan accordingly.

Information for our medical insurance follows:

Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/Group# \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

*As a condition of participation in the RYLA Conference, April 21 - April 23, 2017, we agree to be bound by the terms of the Standards of Conduct, the Medical Release.*

Signature of Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Notification of acceptance come first from your sponsoring Rotary Club.  
By January 31, all accepted delegates will receive a postcard from the Rotary District RYLA committee with directions on how to register to attend.**