



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards- District 6940

April 19-22, 2018

Student Application

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INTRODUCTION

Officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. Each year, thousands of young people take part in the program worldwide. The impact spreads further as the program influences other young people, and RYLA programs often lead to the formation or strengthening of Rotaract and Interact clubs.

Leadership, Citizenship & Personal Development - RYLA is an intensive training program for community youth leaders. Each spring, 10th - graders chosen for their past service to the community and leadership potential are awarded an all-expenses-paid camp to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

RYLA AIMS:

1. Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
2. Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
3. Encourage leadership of youth by youth
4. Publicly recognize young people who are providing service to their communities

RYLA Seminars:

Awardees attending the RYLA seminars can expect to further develop their personal and leadership skills in the following key areas:

1. *Communication Skills*: Participants will have the opportunity to: develop interpersonal skills; communicate, listen and write more effectively; engage in some form of public speaking in a warm, supportive environment
2. *Personal Qualities*: Participants will have the opportunities to: identify the various types of personality; help people to get along with each other; manage their own time more effectively; avoid stressful situations; plan for healthier living
3. *Leadership*: Participants will have the opportunity to: identify the characteristics of effective leaders; become aware of the various styles of leadership; observe effective leaders operating in a meeting situation
4. *Problem Solving Strategies*: Participants will have the opportunity to: brainstorm and think creatively; engage in practical problem solving and decision making activities; use a problem solving model in a practical situation

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Please complete this application **ONLY** if you are available to attend
RYLA on: **April 19-22, 2018:**

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS
ROTARY DISTRICT 6940 APPLICATION

Leadership, Citizenship & Personal Development - Every spring, Rotary clubs across North West Florida, from Pensacola to Lake City, award an intensive leadership training weekend to approximately seventy tenth grade students. The weekend is paid for completely by sponsoring Rotary clubs and is run entirely by Rotary club members. At RYLA, tenth graders will learn the different styles of leaders, will learn how to take charge of a group, will learn to speak publicly, will learn ethics, problem solving and will build confidence by taking reasonable risks. For more information about RYLA in this area, please contact the RYLA chair listed below.

(Please print or type with dark ink)

Name _____ Current GPA _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____ School _____

Sex _____ T-shirt Size ___ (S M L XL) Phone _____

Note: Email address may be parent or student. We use this to confirm your status during the selection process and rapidly forward important information.

Email: _____

Please list any routine physical therapy or physical limitations that you have here:

Are you currently involved in physical or psychiatric counseling? ___ Yes ___ No

Please briefly describe your counseling here.

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1) List your two favorite academic subjects and tell why they are your favorites:

2) List your hobbies, sports involvement and other interests:

3) List organizations and/or activities with which you have been involved:

4) Why are the activities and interests in questions two and three important to you?

5) Define Leadership:

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6) What do you think is the most important problem facing today's high school student? What solutions can you suggest?

7) What do you think is the most critical problem facing your community? What solutions can you suggest?

8) Describe briefly your reason for applying for this RYLA workshop:

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please include one letter of recommendation from someone other than your parent or guardian. This recommendation should be attached in a sealed envelope. Please understand that this camp is run by Rotarian volunteers and that professional counselors are not available to minister to highly involved therapies (physical or emotional).

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR WHO WILL RETURN IT TO YOUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB. IF YOU RECEIVED THE APPLICATION FROM A ROTARIAN, PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION TO YOUR ROTARY SPONSOR!

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Medical Release Form- Must be returned **notarized by March 1, 2018**

I _____ (parent/legal guardian) hereby give permission for any and all medical attention to be administered to my child _____ (child's name) in the event of accident, injury, illness, sickness etc. under the direction of the person/group listed below, until such time as I may be contacted. I also assume responsibility for the payment of any such treatment. This release is effective for the period of one year from the date given below.

ADDRESS: _____

INSURANCE COMPANY: _____

POLICY NUMBER: _____

In case I cannot be reached, any of the following persons is designated to act on my behalf:

Olevia McNally- RYLA Chair (or her Rotarian designee – in writing)

Adventures Unlimited Staff

RYLA Facilitators or Rotarian Volunteer Staff

PHYSICIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

CURRENT MEDICATIONS/DOSAGE: _____

SIGNATURE (parent/guardian) _____ DATE: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me _____ day of _____, _____

(notary public)

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Code of Conduct

In order for the RYLA staff to concentrate on delivering a program of leadership and character development, free enterprise, and patriotic values, they must be free of concerns about behavior problems among the RYLA attendees. RYLA is only four days and the volunteers staffing the camp do not have the time or interest in managing boys/girls who do not wish to be in camp or have no appreciation for the RYLA experience. The following behavior traits are not found in good leaders, and in this spirit, will not be tolerated in camp. Failure to follow these rules will be grounds for dismissal from RYLA, which will require transportation home at the parent's/guardian's expense.

1. Cheating/Dishonest behavior - Whether as an individual or as your team in competitions, cheating will not be tolerated.
2. Disregard for Authority - Constant questioning or arguing about the rules of camp, tournaments, etc., cannot be tolerated. We will not change the rules for you or your team.
3. Intimidation of Others - This refers to how you react to other campers and teams. If you can't get along with others without being the "top dog" or you tend to be a poor loser, perhaps RYLA isn't for you. True leaders rise to the top without threats or inconsiderate actions.
4. Disrespect - You only get to be at RYLA for four short days. Have fun, but be respectful of others at camp, especially the speakers. Talking during a speaker's presentation will not be tolerated.
5. Rudeness - Inappropriate comments on another's race, religion, athletic ability, character, looks, etc., will not be tolerated as they do not contribute to a positive RYLA experience.
6. Lateness - Be on time and have your team present on time. We don't start meals until everyone shows up. Our speakers frequently are on a tight schedule and shouldn't have to wait for us.
7. No P.D.A. (public display of affection) between couples. Couples are not permitted to be off alone, daylight or dark.
8. Sleeping arrangements are same-sex youth in a cabin with an adult same-sex Rotarian to serve as cabin monitors. Room assignments are made by staff in an effort to maximize your opportunity to make new friends. Changing of room assignments is not permitted without prior approval by the RYLA staff.
9. Outgoing calls may only be made through approval of a RYLA counselor. A 24-hour, 7 days a week telephone number is available for any incoming **emergency** calls. **(850-623-6197 or 800-239-6864). There is no cell phone use allowed during RYLA. No texting or cell use allowed. RYLA chairs can be reached at 850-380-0465 depending on reception.**
10. Any other behavior which makes you a liability instead of an asset to RYLA. You were selected to attend RYLA because someone knew you are a leader among your peers. Even if **you** aren't aware of your leadership potential, act like it's there and let us help you develop it.

I understand the above guidelines and intend to have as much fun as possible at RYLA without violating any of the above guidelines.

_____ Date: _____

(RYLA Participant)

Parent's Statement: I understand that should my son or daughter become a liability to the RYLA Program, he or she will need to be picked up at camp as soon as possible or transported home at my expense. I will be available at the following phone numbers during the week of camp should a problem occur. I give permission for conference staff or its designees to take photographs of my son/daughter/ward, and I understand that such photographs will be used only to promote the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program and could be published in the news media for such purpose.

_____ Contact numbers: _____

Parent/Guardian

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READ BEFORE SIGNING

Individuals who suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease, back problems, emotional instability, pregnancy or acrophobia should not go on high ropes without consulting their physician. In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Adventures Unlimited Ropes Challenge Course program, related events and activities, I, _____, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Adventures Unlimited, Inc., their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law; and,
5. I understand that the use of equipment furnished by ADVENTURES UNLIMITED constitutes and acceptance of said equipment. I agree to pay for any damage done to said equipment, property or property of others.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTANDING ITS TERMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____ Age: _____ Date Signed: _____
Participant's Signature

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Emergency Phone # (s) Date Signed

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MEMO TO PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS

From: Olevia McNally - District 6940 Chair for RYLA 2018

Re: ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS - APRIL 19-22, 2018

Important Numbers:

ADVENTURES UNLIMITED – IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

24-hour, 7 days a week telephone number(s): 850-623-6197 or 800-239-6864

ROTARY DISTRICT 6940 CHAIR

Olevia McNally

850-380-0465 (depends on cell reception in the woods)

olevia.mcnally@gmail.com –email will sometimes reach when cell service is limited

Messages checked nightly after 10p and mornings before 6:30a

Important Dates:

-Feb 16th, 2018 (Applications due to Rotary Club)

-March 1, 2018 (all paperwork due)

-April 19, 2018 (start of camp)

-April 22, 2018 (end of camp)

Checklist of Items that RYLA Chair must have by March 1, 2018

- Adventures Unlimited Release
- Zip Adventures Release (separate attachment)
- Medical Release Form (**notarized**)
- Code of Conduct Form
- RYLA Application (separate attachment)

EMAIL OR FAX FORMS TO RYLA CHAIR USING INFORMATION BELOW

IMPORTANT: RYLA CANDIDATE MUST BRING ORIGINALS TO THE CAMP WITH THEM!

Other: Make sure your child has a signed Memo to Teachers for every class they will miss April 19th and 20th

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