



### **What is RYLA?**

RYLA 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."



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards  
ROTARY DISTRICT 7360  
JUNE 14 - 17, 2015  
JUNIATA COLLEGE, HUNTINGDON, PA

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### **Section 1 – Personal Information**

Participant Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name for Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZipCode

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ In Fall 2014, I will be entering \_\_\_\_\_ grade.

Shirt Size: XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary/Medical Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 2 – Emergency Contact Information**

Emergency Contact Person for Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Address (if different from participant's address): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: (if not emergency contact listed above): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*As a parent or legal guardian of the participant, I do hereby release and discharge ROTARY, and their representatives from any and all claims arising from participant's involvement in this event. I also give my full permission for the use of participant's name and photograph in this event. I also give my full permission for such first aid as deemed necessary to be provided to participant on the premises or prior to transport to a hospital for further treatment.\*\*\***

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants:** Please continue to the next page.

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.**