



# RYLA STUDENT APPLICATION

## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) CONFERENCE ROTARY DISTRICT 5420

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - 2011  
Heber Valley Camp

Congratulations on your decision to apply to be a participant at RYLA 2011. If selected, you will become part of one of the largest youth leadership programs in the world. The application process is simple.

- ✓ Read *What is RYLA?* To get a better idea of the RYLA Conference is all about and what it entails.
- ✓ Read the attached Code of Conduct for all students.
- ✓ Fill out the student information form, sign the agreement, and have your parent/guardian sign with their approval.
- ✓ Submit a resume, expressing your work experience, community service, involvement in school and extra-curricular activities, hobbies, interests, etc.
- ✓ Write an essay in good form describing what leadership means to you. Describe your best and your worst leadership experience, or a leadership role which you might undertake in the future.
- ✓ Commit to attend the entire RYLA Conference – Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **We cannot make exceptions for activity conflicts you may have or allow you to come late or leave early. You are committing to attend the conference in its entirety.**

Please return the completed application and enclosures to your school counselor. You will be contacted to schedule an interview with Rotarians from your sponsoring local Rotary Club which is paying for your participation in the Conference.

Students will be selected by the Rotary Club after the interview process is complete. You will be notified by phone whether you are chosen as a student delegate or an alternate to the conference. Once selected, you will receive by **email** a Conference Information Packet which contains information you will need to prepare for the conference, including what to bring, emergency phone numbers, etc. Please make sure that we have a valid phone and email address. This is how we send your Conference Information Packet.

We regret that not everyone who applies can attend the RYLA Conference, so do your best on your application and GOOD LUCK with your interview.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR BY  
MONDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2011**

## WHAT IS RYLA?

RYLA is a program for youth leaders. It is about recognizing excellence in youth leadership. Recognition is given to young men and women, high school juniors, who have demonstrated leadership ideals and example, in their schools and or communities. Excellence in academics or sports is not a requirement. RYLA stands for the ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS conference.

The "Award" is an all-expense paid participation at a weekend conference usually held in an outdoors setting, away from the pressures and distractions of daily of life. The conference consists of motivational speakers, group discussions, workshops and hands-on activities designed to develop leadership skills.

RYLA provides an atmosphere fostering personal and interpersonal development. It gives opportunities for a meaningful exchange of ideas between peers and between generations. It offers an incentive to improve leadership abilities in order to build better schools, communities, country and a better tomorrow. It emphasizes the positive contribution of youth involvement and service in the community and world.

RYLA is an activity of Rotary International and fulfills the slogan adopted in 1949, "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth". According to Rotary, RYLA aims 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.

Participants will be divided into teams to provide a more intimate learning and sharing experience. Groups will interact with a variety of outstanding individuals, who are leaders and motivators in such fields as civics, sports and business. Participants are also exposed to the other youth programs Rotary has to offer, such as Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholarships.

RYLA is different from most leadership camps, such as Boys and Girl State, Camp Enterprise and HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth), in that it is designed to teach and promote individual leadership values and issues. In addition, participants have commented favorably on our use of discussion groups and the fact that students themselves (Senior Alumni) conduct the conference.

It began as a program of recognition for outstanding young people in Australia and New Zealand in 1959, later adopted worldwide as an official program of Rotary in 1971. RYLA is one of the largest youth leadership programs in the world.

Inbound International Youth Exchange students will be invited to attend and as well as Ambassadorial Scholars. We encourage clubs to look to their Interact Clubs for potential participants, thereby incorporating in our RYLA program every aspect of youth service that Rotary has to offer.

Our RYLA program does set a high standard of excellence, as many RYLA programs before it have done.

As Rotarians, we apply the principle of the 4-Way Test in our everyday lives. Through RYLA we seek to instill those same principles:

IS IT THE TRUTH?  
IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?  
WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

Come share the RYLA experience!

## RYLA CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that:

1. I have made a commitment to attend the RYLA Conference and will notify the Sponsoring Rotary Club immediately if conflicts in my attendance arise.
2. **I may not arrive late, or leave the Conference earlier** than the Conference's program schedule and that I **MUST USE THE RYLA SUPPLIED TRANSPORTATION**.
3. I shall attend all meetings and activities with my team.
4. Meals are to be eaten with my team and our group is responsible for cleaning the table after every meal.
5. I **MUST SLEEP** in the dorm or cabin to which I am assigned. I will honor lights out at the scheduled time, and be quiet afterwards.
6. There are separate dorms/cabins for males and females. **MALES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN FEMALE DORMS AND FEMALES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN MALE DORMS -- AT ALL**. This is for the privacy of all concerned. The only exception will be for scheduled meetings with your facilitators during inclement weather.
7. IPods, cell phones may be brought to RYLA but can only be used during designated times.
8. Recreation activities are limited to those periods of the day and evening scheduled for such activities.
9. **IF ANY PERSON IS INJURED, I WILL NOT MOVE THEM**. I will contact my team leader immediately.
10. I will report any damage or breakage immediately to my team leader, dorm parent, or RYLA District Committee member.
11. **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED**. This is to protect the health of all participants and it is against the rules of Heber Valley Camp.
12. **ANY MEDICATIONS**, whether prescribed or "over the counter", must be identified on the container. Unidentified medications, alcohol, weapons, or cigarettes found in the possession of any students will be confiscated.
13. Foul, discriminatory or abusive language will not be tolerated nor will physical altercations or threats be allowed. You are responsible to report any incidents you witness.
14. All sexual or lewd conduct is prohibited at the Conference.
15. **I MAY NOT LEAVE THE CAMP FACILITY FOR ANY REASON** without the express, written permission of the Conference Director.
16. Confidentiality is important. Anything that I have shared or heard within my Group should remain in the Group; however, RYLA Conference Committee members are required by law to report any suicide or abuse issues to the proper authorities.
17. I will respect the environment of the Camp and the surrounding area and will do all in my ability to protect it for future generations.
18. I will conduct myself in all sessions and activities, in my team, in the dining hall, in sports and in my cabin, in a manner which will bring credit to me, my school, my family, and my sponsoring Rotary Club, and in a way which will not cause injury or insult to another person.



### Student Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:  format: mm/dd/yyyy

Gender:

School:

Home Address:

City:

State:  ▼

Zip Code:

Phone (w/ Area Code):  format: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email:

T-shirt Size:

Foreign Exchange:  Check the box if yes

### Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact:

Relation:

Emergency Home Phone:  format: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Emergency Other Phone:  format: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Doctor's Name:

Doctor's Phone:  format: xxx-xxx-xxxx

### Medical & Dietary Information

Vegetarian:  Check the box if yes

Other Special Diet Requests:

Allergies:

Takes Medication:  Check the box if yes

Medications:

Health Carrier:

Policy No.:

**TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT APPLICANT**

I understand that the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference will be held at Heber Valley Camp in Heber UT on September 7-10th, 2011 and I agree to attend the entire conference on those dates and to abide by the Code of Conduct which I have read. Should my conduct be considered unacceptable at any time, in the sole discretion of the RYLA Conference Committee members, or should I transgress any of the Code stated above, I understand that I will be dismissed from the Conference and will be sent home at my parent's or guardian expense.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN**

The student applicant named above has my consent to participate in the 2011 RYLA Conference. I understand that all reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety and security of the student named above, and I hereby grant permission to any adult member of the RYLA Committee to authorize necessary medical treatment by any Doctor or hospital. I certify that any and all health issues have been disclosed and that the information provided above is true and correct. I have read the attached Code of Conduct, and ensure that my son/daughter, if accepted, will comply.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_