

**RYLA APPLICATION (1 of 4)**

**RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Conference**

Sponsored by Rotary District 7210: "The Heart of the Hudson Valley"  
(Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, & Ulster Counties)

**Sunday, June 29, 2025 – Thursday, July 3, 2025**  
Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY

**\*\*FOR SOPHOMORE STUDENTS ONLY\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ invites you to apply to become a scholarship  
(Name of sponsoring club)

participant in this year's RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Conference.

**Sponsoring Club's Contact Information:**

Rotarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w)

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

Please return your completed application, with all requested attachments, to your Rotarian  
contact (above) no later than:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(RYLA Application Due Date)

Your completed RYLA application must include...

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- Personal Statement (See "Required Attachments")
- 1 Letter of Recommendation (See "Required Attachments")
- High School Transcript, to date (See "Required Attachments")

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**WHAT IS THE ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS CONFERENCE?**

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference is a program for high school sophomores who have shown leadership potential in their home, school, and community. The conference is designed to introduce participants to thoughts and ideas that will strengthen and develop their leadership skills. At RYLA, conferees are encouraged to share their personal experiences and perspectives in powerful conversations about various topics, providing insightful learning opportunities. It also provides an environment where participants feel comfortable discussing their thoughts and ideas with other students from the Mid-Hudson Valley. The conference lasts five days and is held on the campus of Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY.

**THE PROGRAM INCLUDES...**

Personal assessment	Goal setting	Delegating	Time management
Communication and listening	Public speaking	Problem-solving	Team building
Compromising	Setting priorities	Interpersonal relationships	Brainstorming

**RYLA ACTIVITIES**

Group Projects: Each student will be a member of a group during the conference. Each group works on a project that provides hands-on experience with planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Small Group Activities: Discussion-based activities are held to share and explore notions of leadership.

Social Time: There is space in the program for organized athletic activities, dancing, and developing friendships with other participants.

**IN ORDER TO ATTEND RYLA, THE APPLICANT MUST...**

1. Be a sophomore ready to enter their junior year in the fall
2. Have shown demonstrated leadership potential in school and the community
3. Demonstrate the qualities of a good student
4. Submit a completed application
5. Be selected and sponsored by your local Rotary Club

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### Your Next Steps...

Once you've submitted your application (found on the next page), if you are selected the registration timeline is as follows:

- You will receive an email from [ryla7210@gmail.com](mailto:ryla7210@gmail.com) about your selection and required registration materials. Please complete these materials by their deadlines, or you may lose your seat at RYLA 2025:
  - ◆ The completion of a Health Form (this form must be signed by your health provider, which can include your school nurse. An updated physical within 1 year of the conference may be used in lieu of the Health Form). **[Due 6/15/2025]**
  - ◆ The completion of the Registration Form where you will provide your group preference and parent/guardian permission. **[Due 6/1/2025]**
- A couple weeks after you complete the Registration Form, you will receive a call from your Junior Counselor who will outline what to expect at the conference, as well as items to bring and the details of your group. Your Junior Counselor may answer any questions you and your parents/guardians have and will remain in contact with you leading up to the conference.
- The following page is what must be submitted to the applicant's rotary club, with the required materials attached.

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SUBMIT TO YOUR ROTARY CLUB  
Rotary Club Information

<b>Sponsoring Rotary Club:</b>	
<b>Rotarian Contact</b>	
<b>Home contact phone #:</b>	
<b>Work contact phone #:</b>	

Student Last Name, First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address (Note: Please use a NON-school affiliated email address):  
\_\_\_\_\_

This student, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to apply to and be a participant in this conference. I understand that acceptance to be a participant in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference obligates the student to attend the entire conference. I also understand that participation may be terminated for inappropriate behavior, violation of conference rules and regulations, or for possession of an unpermitted property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of parent/guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent/guardian)

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(Home phone number of parent/guardian)

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(Cell phone number of parent/guardian)

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(Work phone number of parent/guardian)

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(Email of parent/guardian)

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

- Briefly describe your (1) participation and (2) leadership experiences in your extracurricular activities, service, and employment, as well as the reasons why you are interested in attending this conference.
- Submit **one** letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, or community leader who can comment on your accomplishments and/or potential.
- Submit a copy of your school transcript indicating your coursework and grades for freshman and sophomore year, to date.