



Each year, there are several questions regarding the best method for choosing participants to attend the Missouri RYLA Academy—the “how-to” of selecting the right type of students

We have found over the years that the caliber of students selected by the local sponsoring clubs sets the overall tone of the academy. Selecting the best students is KEY to the success of the program each year.

The primary goal of the RYLA Academy is to teach students how to develop and administer a quality service project, following the Rotarian guiding core values. We want to work with students who have hearts and minds focused on service. We would like students who desire to be there, who will participate fully, and come home from the Academy ready to serve.

While we leave the participant selection process up to each local sponsoring club, we have some suggestions for student selection.

Many clubs choose to only have one student apply, someone chosen from a Rotarian family or someone familiar from their local community. Others have several students apply, perhaps those nominated by the local high school faculty. Many of these students go through an interview process with the local club as well.

You are welcome to send as many participants as your club is financially able to sponsor. There is no grade point requirement, and no restrictions for Rotarian children or grandchildren.

We ask that you take some time and thought to the student your club selects and sends to participate. We have an outstanding program and space is limited. Please adhere to the application deadlines.

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