

A FEW COMMON QUESTIONS...

Q: Who should attend the Life Leadership Conference?

A: Select the most promising leadership candidates from: a) students who have completed high school, even those in college. b) international students, including outbounds and rebounds c) students who have completed the 11th grade at the time of the conference.

Candidates who have not completed 11th grade will be admitted late, pending available space.

Q: What about non-traditional students?

A: Seek out students who will “bring something special to the table”; the home-schooled student, a minority, the rebound RYE, a refugee, a Peace Corps Volunteer, Rotary Scholar, etc. The input of these individuals as role models can be more powerful than even good speakers. Give something to the conference.

Q: What about International students?

A: Please consider them as LLC candidates; their presence is very important. But, be discreet. Sponsor them if they have demonstrated during their year of exchange a seriousness about fellowship with Rotary and involvement in school activities. LLC is not to be considered an entitlement, nor a going-away party for exchange students.

Q: How do we find prospective candidates?

A: Ask school counselors, principals, coaches, student council advisors, drama teachers, etc. But, don't ask them to recruit and do your paperwork for you. They are busy people, and many things compete with Rotary programs for their time. Get names and then talk to the students in person. Take candidates to your Rotary meetings. Mentor them in the ideals of service. If necessary, drive them to the Life Leadership Conference, and invite them to a Rotary meeting again afterwards. Strive for equality of numbers, young men and young women.

Q: How many students should we sponsor?

A: The cost is \$375 per student; \$275 per international student. To have a successful conference for fifty participating clubs, the average attendance must be 3 per club. Some clubs fail at financing, others fail at recruiting. It is essential therefore that other clubs become *big bitters*, sponsoring larger numbers. For planning purposes at the conference, it is essential to know *early* how many students will be attending. Send in apps and tuition before May 1. Applicants are admitted first-come-first-served on the basis of completed health forms, applications, and paid tuition. A \$25 per student late fee will be assessed for applications received after May 15th.

Q: What if a student changes his/her mind?

A: A qualified alternate of the same sex may be substituted at any time for an admitted candidate who cannot attend, providing an application and health form is provided for the alternate. Refunds cannot be made for no shows, as meals, lodging, conference materials, etc. must be reserved and prepared in advance. Some clubs ask students to post a modest security deposit with their applications, to be refunded in the event they are not selected or when they report back after attending the conference.

Q: What if a candidate has an employment conflict?

A: Students will receive a letter to take to their employer requesting time off to attend the conference. You may/should also intercede with employers, soliciting the employer's support for the candidate's attendance at Life Leadership Conference. Most will cooperate; some will even pay lost wages. Be an advocate for your candidates! You are a role model in their lives.