# Rotary District 7090 Jr. RYLA

## MEDIA RELEASE

**TODAY’S DATE HERE – [insert local details such as HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA]**

**The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is looking for young leaders (ages 15-18) that would benefit from a weekend of leadership training.**

The Jr. RYLA program (previously SLAPSHOT), dedicated to promoting and nurturing young leaders, is now seeking applicants for its 2023 instalment. Jr. RYLA 2023 will run in person from May 5-7, 2023, followed by two virtual sessions. Over the weekend, participants will engage in sessions to enhance their leadership skills through team building, problem-solving, communication and well-being.

Each year, students leave Rotary youth leadership programs feeling more confident and prepared to strengthen their involvement with initiatives they believe will make a difference in their local communities.

This year’s program registration is limited to 80 young student leaders. Applicants must apply through their Rotary clubs, who will sponsor selected students to attend. Ideal candidates are high school students 15-18 years old who have demonstrated maturity, enthusiasm, and interest in making a positive difference in their school and community.

The program is designed and run by members of Rotary District 7090 (Buffalo/Niagara/Hamilton/ Brantford) in collaboration with guest speakers and leadership facilitators.

“Jr. RYLA is a refreshed version of our SLAPSHOT program. We kept the best parts of our previous program and are coming back with a new hybrid program addressing issues important to the youth in our district,” said Sarah Bradshaw, the Jr. RYLA chair. “We are excited to welcome back our most popular speakers in person and return to our host location for a weekend of learning and growing together.”

Application deadline for [insert local club] is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [work back from District April 26, 2023 cutoff]

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