# What is RYLA?

The **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** (**RYLA**) is a truly exciting opportunity for young adults, between 19 & 24, to participate in a four day, leadership program with like-minded individuals where you will form lasting friendships, hear from professional speakers, develop as a leader, grow as a person and have fun - at no cost to you!

RYLA 2017! A life-changing event that will take place in the heart of the Okanagan, BC, from May 25th-28th, 2017 at Penticton Lakeside Resort. The resort offers luxurious amenities, clean, spacious rooms, and a spectacular view of Okanagan Lake.

If you are interested in attending, and are between the ages of 19 and 24, you can be sponsored and paid for by Rotary. If you know a member of your local Rotary Club give them a call and express your interest in attending RYLA. If you do not know anyone, Contact us at kjohnston@truleadership.com and we will do our best to find you a sponsor so you can take advantage of this outstanding event.

The weekend is a remarkable opportunity to meet and learn with outstanding young representatives from both the US and Canada.

For more information on RYLA please visit <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50005>

# Next steps?

If you are interested in receiving a RYLA, please complete and submit this application form to a Rotary Club in your community for their review and consideration, or visit the website above to complete the online application form.

**The final registration deadline is April 30th, 2016.**

# US Participants Take Note: Travel to Canada requires the possession of an up to date passport. If you don't have a passport, start your application process now, in good time.

Entry into Canada is solely determined by Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) officials in accordance with Canadian law. Please see the CBSA’s website for details: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>

## RYLA and Alchohol

The RYLA Team does not allow the consumption of alcohol in any part of the program.  Attendees, presenters and mentors shall respect this prohibition or will be asked to leave.  The City of Penticton though does have many licensed establishments that sell alcohol.

In British Columbia, the legal drinking age is 19 years old. At this age people are considered adults and therefore acquire adult responsibilities and freedoms. The District 5060 RYLA committee supports this approach by leaving the decision for attendees to consume alcohol outside the program hours as they see fit.

The adult decision to consume alcohol offsite comes with the adult responsibilities to not overindulge or become a public nuisance.  The RYLA Committee neither supports nor denies the attendance of RYLA participants at any licensed establishment outside the program hours.  Indeed, the decision to attend and control one’s activities in a licensed establishment is a very adult activity.

Over the past years that people can remember, no participant has brought the RYLA name into disrepute for having attended a licensed establishment and the Committee wishes to maintain this record.  RYLA attendees are expected to show up on time and ready to fully engage in the training program which precludes overindulgence.

The RYLA Committee accepts that some Rotary Clubs do not agree with this view as the legal drinking age in their jurisdiction is 21 years old. In those cases, it is suggested that those Clubs only send participants who are 21 years of age as the Committee cannot legally (or practically) prevent attendees from attending the licensed establishments in the off-hours.

**Candidate Information**

First Name:

Last Name:

Street Address:

City:

Province / State:

Postal / Zip Code:

Country:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Age as of May 25th, 2017:

Gender - M or F:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Phone:

Any Allergies or Specific Dietary Requirements?

**Sponsoring Club Information**

Rotary Club Of:

City:

Province / State:

Name of Rotarian Contact:

Contact’s Day Phone:

Contact’s Cell Phone:

Contact’s Email Address:

# Please provide the following information

1. Community involvement, membership in clubs, associations or organizations (Please indicate any offices held and other responsibilities.
2. Interests, hobbies, sports
3. Education (Please include major and minor subjects taken as well as any educational awards received.)
4. Briefly describe a personal leadership highlight
5. Please indicate in 100 words or less why you want to participate in the RYLA Leadership Seminar. What do you think you can contribute to this experience? What will you do that will help make this seminar a worthwhile experience for you and the other participants?

**RYLA agreement:**

If I am accepted as a delegate, I fully understand that attendance to this seminar is a privilege and fully agree to abide by all the regulations established by the officials of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Committee. I will strive to be a worthy representative of my community by contributing my best efforts towards the success of the event. I understand that my sponsoring Rotary Club WILL NOT be provided a refund if I am unable to attend, however, an alternate attendee will be accepted without any penalty. I am fully covered by appropriate medical insurance, and will bring the insurance forms with me. I understand that I am required to attend all classes and activities. This is a closed seminar and no visitors or friends will be allowed while camp is in session. I understand that I must be no younger than nineteen (19) years and no older than twenty-four (24) years on the first day of this year’s RYLA.

Signature of

Applicant Date:

The RYLA Fee is $700.00 per person (either CDN or US funds non-refundable) and is payable by the sponsoring Rotary Club. The fees cover accommodation, meals and conference expenses for the participants during their stay in Penticton.

Sponsoring Rotary Clubs are responsible for participant’s travel arrangements and may consider contributing to their participant’s travel costs.

Any questions? Please contact the RYLA Committee Co-Chair, Keith Johnston at 250-550-3964, evenings before 9 PM kjohnston@truleadership.com

Scan & email this completed form to your local Rotary club for review and approval. When approved, it will be sent to the RYLA Registrar Chantelle Stone at chantelle@thestonefamily.ca. **An electronic signature is sufficient for your original application, but a signed copy of this form must be completed and delivered at registration on the first of RYLA in Penticton.**

A cheque made out to RYLA should be sent by the sponsoring club to:

Chantelle Stone

3021 Similkameen Pl

Kamloops, BC V2E 2T6

The completed registration form and cheque is due no later than April 30 of this year. Yours in Rotary...