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**Application for Club Consideration**

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1. What is your definition of leadership?
2. Identify someone, living or deceased, who you believe is/was a good leader, and tell why?
3. Why do you want to attend the RYLA conference? What are you hoping to learn and what skills do you bring to the weekend?
4. Tell us something special about yourself

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1. List school or community groups to which you belong and tell us about contributions that you have made to each.
2. Briefly describe any work experience(s) that you have had, and the contributions that you have made.

3. Give an example of a situation where you have had to exercise leadership skills. Focus on the challenge you faced which required leadership action, the action you took, and what you learned.

4. What are your hobbies or recreational interests?

5. What are your career plans?

6. Identify a leader whom you admire, contemporary or historical and briefly explain why you selected this person.

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