

RYLA APPLICATION (1 of 3)

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Conference

Sponsored by Rotary District 7210: "The Heart of the Hudson Valley"
(Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, & Ulster Counties)

Sunday, June 28, 2020 – Thursday, July 2, 2020

Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY

****FOR SOPHOMORE STUDENTS ONLY****

LaGrange - Sunrise Rotary Club invites you to apply to become a scholarship
(Name of sponsoring club)

participant in this year's RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Conference.

Sponsoring Club's Contact Information:

Rotarian: Tracey Doherty

Phone Numbers: 845-226-3054 (h) _____ (w)

Email Address: LagrangeRotaryNY@gmail.com

Please return your completed application, with all requested attachments, to your Rotarian contact (above) no later than:

March 15, 2020

(RYLA Application Due Date)

Your completed RYLA application must include...

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- Personal Statement (See "Required Attachments")
- 2 Letters of Recommendation (See "Required Attachments")
- High School Transcript, to date (See "Required Attachments")

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WHAT IS THE ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS CONFERENCE?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference is a program for high school sophomores who have shown leadership potential in their home, school, and community. The conference is designed to introduce participants to thoughts and ideas that will strengthen and develop their leadership skills. At RYLA, conferees are encouraged to share their personal experiences and perspectives in powerful conversations about various topics, providing insightful learning opportunities. It also provides an environment where participants feel comfortable discussing their thoughts and ideas with other students from the Mid-Hudson Valley. The conference lasts five days and is held on the campus of Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES...

Personal assessment	Goal setting	Delegating	Time management
Communication and listening	Public speaking	Problem solving	Team-building
Compromising	Setting priorities	Interpersonal relationships	Brainstorming

RYLA ACTIVITIES

Group Projects: Each student will be a member of a group during the conference. Each group works on a project that provides hands-on experience with planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Small Group Activities: Discussion-based activities are held to share and explore notions of leadership.

Social Time: There is space in the program for organized athletic activities, dancing, and developing friendships with other participants.

IN ORDER TO ATTEND RYLA, THE APPLICANT MUST...

1. Be a sophomore ready to enter his/her junior year in the fall
2. Have shown demonstrated leadership potential in school and the community
3. Demonstrate the qualities of a good student
4. Submit a completed application
5. Be selected and sponsored by your local Rotary Club

FOR ALL RYLA APPLICANTS

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Rotary Club Information

Sponsoring Rotary Club:	
Rotarian Contact	
Home contact phone #:	
Work contact phone #:	

Student Last Name, First Name: _____

Name of High School: _____

Home Address: _____

Student Cell Phone #: _____

Student Email Address: _____

This student, _____, has my permission to apply to and be a participant in this conference. I understand that acceptance to be a participant in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference obligates the student to attend the entire conference. I also understand that participation may be terminated for inappropriate behavior, violation of conference rules and regulations, or for possession of an unpermitted property.

(Printed name of parent/guardian)

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Home phone number of parent/guardian)

(Cell phone number of parent/guardian)

(Work phone number of parent/guardian)

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. Briefly describe your (1) participation and (2) leadership experiences in your extracurricular activities, service, and employment, as well as the reasons why you are interested in attending this conference.
2. Submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, administrators, or community leaders who can comment on your accomplishments and/or potential.
3. Submit a copy of your school transcript indicating your coursework and grades for freshman and sophomore year, to date.

RYLA CONFERENCE -- STUDENT INFORMATION (1 of 3)

STUDENT SECTION:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

High School: _____

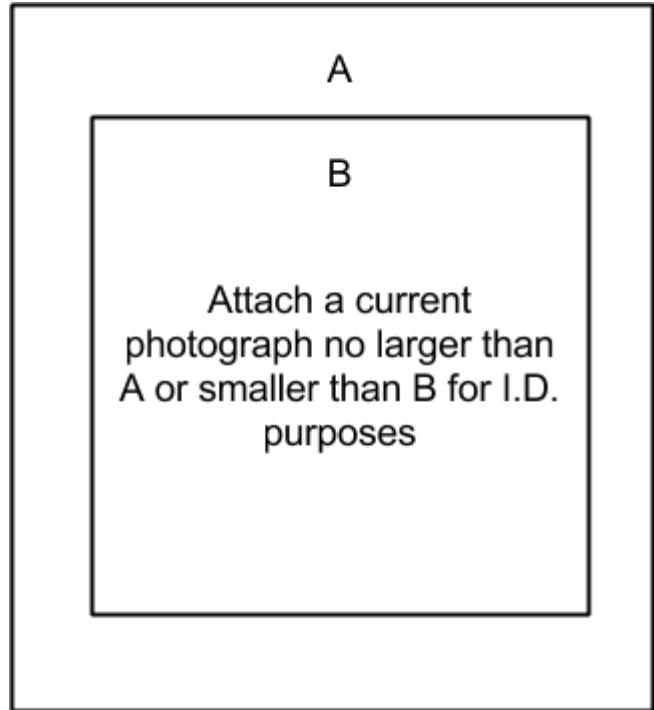
Town/City: _____, NY

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Gender: _____
(For the sake of housing purposes)

Unisex T-Shirt Size: _____



Do you have any dietary restrictions (food allergies, gluten intolerance, etc.)? Yes No

If "Yes," please note restriction(s): _____
(So that we can ensure there will be food for you to eat while at RYLA)

PARTICIPANT GROUP INTEREST INDICATOR:

Each RYLA participant is a member of a Group. Each Group plans and carries out a project.

Indicate the Group you would enjoy most by numbering **four** of the activities below in order of your preference, from 1-4. (Number 1 is your top preference, number 2 is your second preference, etc.)

___ Art	___ Engineering	___ Hollywood	___ Nightly News
___ Broadway	___ Game Show	___ Media	___ Skit-Com
___ Chorus	___ Graduation	___ Music Video	___ T-Shirt
___ Dance			

RYLA CONFERENCE -- STUDENT INFORMATION (2 of 3)

PARENT SECTION:

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the Conference Chair to render any necessary medical or surgical care to my child/ward, _____, during the RYLA Conference. I understand that the Conference will notify me immediately, or if I am unavailable, my designated emergency contact. I understand that participation in the RYLA Conference obligates the student to attend the entire conference. I also understand that participation in the RYLA Conference may be terminated for inappropriate behavior or for a violation of conference rules (such as possession of alcohol or non-prescribed controlled substances).

(Printed name of parent/guardian)

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Date)

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

In the event of an emergency and I am unavailable, I am naming the following person as the emergency contact for my child/ward:

(Name of Contact)

(Relationship)

(Contact phone number)

INTERNET/PHOTO/ROOM KEY/LUGGAGE RELEASE:

I, being the parent/guardian of _____, hereby consent that my child/ward use computers with Internet access, during the RYLA Conference.

I, being the parent/guardian of _____, hereby consent that any photographs, audio recordings, and/or motion pictures taken of this minor may be used for promotional purposes only by Rotary District 7210 or Rotary International and may appear on RYLA websites/social media accounts.

I understand that my child/ward will be issued a key/pair of keys for their room during their time at RYLA. I acknowledge that the fee per lost key is \$150 and that should my child/ward not return their room key/pair of keys upon conference completion, I will be held responsible for this \$150 expense.

For the safety and wellbeing of all RYLA participants, I am aware that all luggage is subject to search upon arrival at RYLA.

(Printed name of parent/guardian)

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Date)

RYLA CONFERENCE -- STUDENT INFORMATION (3 of 3)

Student Last Name: _____

Student First Name: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Age: _____

PHYSICIAN SECTION:

(School physical/health record may be attached if accompanied by signed consent form from parent/guardian)

This is to certify that the above student has had a recent complete physical examination including a vision test; has current immunity to Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, and Measles; and is in good physical condition with the following exceptions (please note "N/A" if non applicable):

Please list any significant past medical or surgical problems:

Please list any food and/or drug allergies (Please note typical reaction - itch/rash, anaphylaxis, etc.):

Please list any routine prescription medications (that which may/will be taken during RYLA):

He/she may engage in a full program of strenuous program activities: ___ Yes ___ No

He/she enjoys a normal (unrestricted) diet: ___ Yes ___ No

If "No" to either of the above, please explain:

(Printed name of physician/school nurse)

(Signature of physician/school nurse)

FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING RYLA (1 of 2)

(Please share this information with your parents)

Congratulations! You have been selected and sponsored by the Rotary Club in your area to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference.

Conference dates: Sunday, June 28 - Thursday, July 2, 2020

Arrival time: Sunday, June 28 -- 2:30PM - 3:15PM

Departure time: Thursday, July 2 -- 5:30PM (after RYLA Graduation)

Location: Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY

Transportation to/from RYLA: You may make your own transportation arrangements. However, if you are unable to do so, your sponsoring Rotary Club is prepared to help you. Please notify them in time to make arrangements. **NO student drivers, please!**

Cost per participant: Your sponsoring Rotary Club has fully covered the cost of your participation

Number of RYLA participants: Approximately 140 students from around the Hudson Valley, all entering 11th grade in September 2020.

Visitor policy: Each day at RYLA is packed full of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for growth and self-reflection. Because of this, we strongly encourage attendees to live in the moment and take full advantage of each day. With this in mind, family members can visit if necessary but there can be NO student visitors.

NOTICE: Your attendance for the entire conference is required.

PACKING LIST

Please label belongings with your full name. You will be sleeping in comfortable, air-conditioned rooms.

- **Linens: Bedding (sheets, blankets/sleeping bag, pillows), Towels**
- **Clothing: Casual/comfortable clothing for 5 days, Raingear**
- **All necessary toiletries**
- **Several pens/pencils**
- **SNEAKERS (many activities at RYLA REQUIRE sneakers. Do not forget them!)**

You may want to bring: athletic apparel, sports equipment, musical instruments

Unnecessary: Expensive jewelry, Laptops, iPads, TVs, valuables, fans, camping equipment

NOT PERMITTED: Alcohol, non-prescribed controlled substances, tobacco products, matches/lighters, e-cigarettes, or automobiles.

Parents of students who begin taking any new medications and/or parents who wish for staff to administer medications to their child during the conference must notify the RYLA Co-Executive Director, Lauren Steinitz, at least one week prior to conference commencement.

****Please note, if during the RYLA conference a student should become ill, fall unconscious/faint, suffer a seizure, or exhibit any other symptoms that would prevent them from successfully participating in the entirety of the conference, in the interest of the health and safety of all involved, our staff will politely ask that the student depart from campus. Should a staff member deem that a student is unfit to continue with the conference, a parent/guardian MUST return to campus to bring the student home, with no exceptions. If, following a medical emergency, a student wishes to return to RYLA, they MUST receive a doctor's note and present it to a RYLA staff member before rejoining the conference.****

RYLA Co-Executive Director: Lauren Steinitz, at (914)629-4181 (Monday through Friday, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM), or Lnsteinitz@gmail.com

FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING RYLA (2 of 2)

(Please share this information with your parents)

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You will receive a phone call from your counselor about two weeks prior to the conference. He or she will let you know if there is anything special you need to bring for your group project, as well as fill you in on more details about RYLA and answer any questions you or your parents have!

Arrival and registration at MSMC is Sunday, June 28 from 2:30PM - 3:15PM.

RYLA Graduation is Thursday, July 2 from 4:00PM - 5:30PM. Family is invited to attend. Graduation will be held in Aquinas Hall at MSMC. Follow signs on campus for directions. Departure is immediately following RYLA Graduation.

DIRECTIONS TO MSMC

From the West: Take I-84 East to Exit 10. At the bottom of the ramp, take a right onto 9W South. At the first traffic light, take a left onto North Plank Road (Sunoco station is on the left.) Stay on North Plank for ¼ mile. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Powell Ave. The college is ¼ mile down on the left.

From the North or South: Take the NYS Thruway to exit 17 (Newburgh). Take I-84 East and then follow the directions for traveling from the west.

From the East: Take I-84 West to Exit 10S. At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto Route 32. Turn right at the first traffic light onto 9W south. At the second traffic light, take a left onto North Plank Road (Sunoco station is on the left.) Stay on North Plank for ¼ mile. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Powell Ave. The college is ¼ mile down on the left.