



## RYLA 2023 FAQ's

**WHAT is RYLA?** "RYLA" is short for **R**otary **Y**outh **L**eadership **A**wards. It is a youth leadership development & training event sponsored around the world by Rotary International and is put on by local Rotary clubs in Alaska & Yukon. RYLA promotes development and understanding of leadership principles. Participants learn about the qualities of leadership, what makes an effective team and apply what they learn in challenging activities. Some of the RYLA activities include combination of experiential activities (don't worry – they are safe!), group discussion, guest speakers / panel discussions, group team building, group problem solving activities and some personal reflection time.

**WHO is RYLA for?** RYLA is for local high school sophomores and juniors (grades 10 & 11). Interested participants must apply to their local Rotary Club to participate in RYLA. Participants are selected and sponsored by their local Rotary Club.

**WHERE is RYLA 2023?** RYLA 2023 will be held in Anchorage, Alaska at Lakefront Hotel. If there are activities scheduled outside of the camp, transportation will be provided. ALL participants (including Anchorage area youth) must remain with the RYLA group during the entire RYLA event. Leaving for side visits during the RYLA event are not permitted.

**WHEN is RYLA 2023?** RYLA 2023 will be Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All participants need to arrive in Anchorage by Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**WHAT should I bring?** You should bring warm clothes, rain gear and rain boots, as well as your eagerness to have fun and meet cool people like yourself. We will send a more complete packing list to the participants who are selected to attend RYLA 2023.

**APPLICATIONS?** These are available from your local high school counselors or local Rotary Club. Parent / Guardian permission is required for all participants who apply to attend RYLA 2023. All applications must be received by the Rotary Club no later than February 28, 2023.

**SELECTION AND ORIENTATION?** Applications are screened by Rotary Clubs and may involve a brief interview and orientations for those selected to attend RYLA 2023.

**COST?** Transportation and Registration Fees are paid by the local sponsoring Rotary Club. There are no costs to applicants for participation. However, some spending money for incidentals is advised.

**REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION?** Participants should have a government issued I.D. or a high school photo id.

### Incomplete applications will not be accepted

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR RYLA REPRESENTATIVE:

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