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APPLICATIONS DUE TO CINDI GALABOTA BY FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025 AT 6PM.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a program to assist high school students in developing leadership skills. The program centers on an intense, professionally led, three-day leadership training retreat. Rotary District 5470 (covering the southern portions of Colorado) holds its retreat weekend from **June 6-9, 2025 at La Foret in Colorado Springs, Colorado.**

What Happens at the RYLA retreat Weekend? At RYLA, you'll explore leadership styles and topics like ethical leadership, promoting peace, and social justice. You'll experience this largely through experiential learning with activities like orienteering, low ropes courses, and other group activities. Through these events, you'll explore your own leadership style and learn how to work together with a team.

How much does RYLA Cost? RYLA does not cost students anything. The "Awards" in the RYLA name refers to the scholarships that are awarded by Rotary and/or locally supporting businesses that sponsor RYLA scholarships though the local Rotary Clubs.

Who should attend RYLA? RYLA is designed to work with students that are starting to show signs of leadership, or the potential for leadership, in their communities. Successful applicants are in good standing at school and are actively involved with clubs, sports teams, or community groups.

What else is RYLA? The RYLA program is an opportunity to meet and build friendships with fellow student leaders from around the state as well as getting to know the Rotarian leaders in your community. Rotary is based on a foundation that fellowship opens opportunities for service that will make our communities better places to live, as well as promoting peace and better understanding worldwide.

What are the student expectations? Students who receive a RYLA scholarship are expected to positively represent Pagosa Springs while at the Rotary weekend. Students are expected to make a group presentation at the Pagosa Springs Noon Rotary Club sometime before November 30th, preferably by end of September. Students are also *encouraged to volunteer for at least one Rotary-sponsored event sometime between June 17 and November 30th, 2025.* Please contact Cindi Galabota to sign up to volunteer. This gives the student an opportunity to give back to the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club while meeting Rotarians and learning more about Rotary and its mission. It also gives students the chance to further strengthen their leadership skills.

To learn more, visit <u>rylaintherockies.org</u>.

Scan the QR Code to complete your application online, or complete the attached application by pen. Applications due to Cindi Galabota by March 21.



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2025 RYLA Application (Please type or print clearly.)

June 6-9, 2025 at La Foret in Colorado Springs, Colorado rylaintherockies.org

Name:	
Address:	
Date of birth:	Email:
Cell number:	Home number:
Name of School:	Current grade:
Parents/Guardian information:	
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	Email:
Briefly describe your reasons for applying to the	RYLA Leadership Camp: (Attach additional paper if necessary.)
List Current School Activities (clubs, sports, projects, volunteer, etc):	
List Current Extracurricular Activities (work, club	s, volunteer, etc):

Signature: _____ Date: _____