



**Rotary  
Youth  
Leadership  
Awards**

**2016  
CONFERENCE  
CAMP HINDS  
RAYMOND ME**

**This is a 4 day OUTDOOR  
interactive leadership  
experience for students who  
have completed their  
Sophomore Year in High  
School.**

**The Journey Begins  
Sunday June 26, 2016 -  
Ending Wednesday June 29, 2016  
— Or does it?**



## Application Process

**Step One:** Fill out the application and submit it you your local Rotary Club. Each Club picks participants from their community. This process could involve an interview.

**Step Two:** You will receive a package from the District 7780—RYLA Co-Chair with all the information that needs to be submitted to participate.

**Step Three:** Show up at Camp Hinds at 8:30 A.M. on June 26th—the adventure begins. Be ready for *fun* and **a challenge!!!!**

For more information or if you need help getting connected to a local Rotary Club please contact:  
[www.rotary7780.org](http://www.rotary7780.org)

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## Important Dates and Deadlines:

1. **Early April**—Most Rotary Clubs need applications submitted so they can conduct interviews.
2. **May 1st**— Rotary clubs make their final decisions and notify students who will receive scholarships.
3. **June 1st**—Attendance Package due back to RYLA Staff to confirm your spot.
4. **June 26, 2016—8:30 A.M.**  
Camp Registration

# Rotary



## About RYLA

Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine is the setting for this experience that becomes a practice field to establish leadership skills, enhance personal strengths, all while learning to apply high ethical standards.

The program uses the high ropes course, low ropes course, and many other activities to help individuals achieve their personal goals for the week. Camp life is alive and fun with time for swimming, canoe drills, camp fires and more. The days are packed with **outside activities** that keep everyone involved in learning about their individual leadership style and how to apply it to their lives.

The low ropes challenge course was rebuilt for the 2015 season and offers many new obstacles and challenges. Rotary Clubs throughout District 7780 pulled together in fundraising led by past camp Director Jared Avery to provide state of the art equipment for the journey of your life.

**Rotary clubs sponsor the full financial cost of each participant and the facilitators that volunteer their time.**

**Rotary Clubs select and sponsor talented young, sophomores ages 15 – 16 to attend.**

**Often students ask two important questions:**

**First, who should consider attending?** The answer is simple. If you have a desire to increase your confidence as a leader and as an individual, while also giving yourself a challenge to grow personally then RYLA is the leadership experience you are looking for.

**Second, what will I take away from this experience?** The answer goes well beyond a resume building experience. Many alumni graduates report back years later that is was one of the most influential experiences of their lives, in which they gained lifelong friendships, increased confidence, and a willingness to continually be challenged to achieve positive growth.

# Application

**General Information: (Print clearly)**

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST. Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Interact? \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions and submit with the application on a separate paper. Make sure you include your name on all papers submitted.**

1. Leadership and Service are two important functions in life. Can you describe what they mean to you and provide an example from your life in which you have been able to serve and lead others?
2. What leadership skill would you want most to improve by attending RYLA? What is your greatest strength you possess as a leader? Provide an example of both.

These do not need to be full essay but please put some thought into your answers. RYLA is a competitive application process.



**This application is for a full scholarship to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference. This is a 4 Day OUTDOOR experience at Camp Hinds in Raymond Maine.**

# Instructions

1. Fill out the application and check with your local Rotary club to see if there is any additional information needed.
2. Write your essay.
3. Have a letter of recommendation written.
4. Submit package to your local Rotary Club.

# Letter of Recommendation

A letter of recommendation is required by most Rotary Clubs:

**Instructions: Ask a person who knows you well, but is not a member of your family, if he or she will recommend you to receive a scholarship to attend RYLA in June.**

Participants – please have the letter include:

1. Participant's Name
2. How do you know the applicant?
3. Summarize the applicants leadership style and strengths.
4. Describe the qualities you see in the applicant which you believe strongly supports his/her participation in an outdoor leadership conference of this type.
5. Please submit the letter with the participant's application.



# Full Value Contract of RYLA

The Contract:

**I Agree to:**

1. **Value** myself and the members of my group
2. Show **respect** for others as individuals, and
3. As part of valuing others, **share the responsibility** for the **physical and emotional safety** of each individual and act when I see an unsafe situation.



**Send Completed Application to the Rotary Club Listed Below**