



Project YESS

Youth Empowered to Succeed through Sailing
A program of the Cleveland Rotary Foundation

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Sponsored by
The Rotary Club of Cleveland
*This program is only open to students age 13 to 17

Ambassador Application 2017

Application Due: March 31, 2017

Two copies of the following materials must be received on or before 2:00 pm Friday, March 31, 2017 for your application to be complete:

1. This completed application form – do NOT complete in pencil – use ink!. Illegible applications will not be considered!
2. Responses to the short answer section of this application. **ANSWERS MUST BE TYPED.**
3. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** from an adult mentor (teacher, principal, employer, clergy, coach, personal acquaintance)

PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print clearly)

Student name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____
First Last First Last

Address: _____ Apt. Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Primary phone: _____

Referring Agency: _____

Parent/guardian email: _____ Student Email: _____

Parent/guardian cell: _____ Student cell: _____

Current School: _____ Birth Date: _____ Gender: _____ Tee Shirt Size: S M L XL 2X

Will you be at least 13 years old as of May 1, 2017, but no more than 17 years old as of June 26, 2017? YES NO

YESS SCHEDULE

Selection Interviews	April 3 th thru April 14 th	TBD - Evenings
Parent & Student Orientation*	Thursday, May 4, 2017	6 pm to 8 pm
Boot Camp & Water Safety	Sunday, June 4, 2017	9 am to 3 pm
Seamanship	Tuesday, June 6, 2017	6 pm to 9 pm
Environmental Awareness	Thursday, June 8, 2017	6 pm to 9 pm
Sailing Experience	Saturday, June 10, 2017	9 am to 2 pm
Relevance/Graduation	Thursday, June 15, 2017	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Onboard Sailing	June 20 – June 26, 2017	

All Project YESS sessions are MANDATORY.

If admitted to this program, will you commit to attend all of the training session and the sailing? YES NO

If admitted to this program, will you commit to attend a follow-up forum or Rotary luncheon? YES NO

YESS is open to all individuals. Do you have special needs, physical limitations or allergies that require accommodations? YES NO

If so, please describe: _____

SHORT ANSWER

Please answer the following four questions and provide your answers typed on a separate page. Each answer should be between 100 and 200 words and must be legible. Answers will be judged on content, not grammar. Remember to provide your answers TYPED. Handwritten answers will not be acceptable.

NOTE: APPLICATIONS COMPLETED ILLEGIBLY, OR IN PENCIL, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

- What would you say to someone who was thinking about supporting Project YESS to convince them their donation would truly make a difference in someone's life?
- A novice sailor has asked you about the most challenging experience you had on your voyage and what they can do to learn from your experience. In hindsight, would you have done something different to change the outcome of that situation? What will you tell that student?
- What things did you change in/about your life when you returned from your voyage, and why?
- The Rotary 4-Way Test provides four questions which will make a difference in our lives: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL concerned? Please write an essay answering all these questions as they relate to the skills and insights you acquired through your Project YESS experience.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

EACH STUDENT (AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN AS APPLICABLE) WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WAIVER RELEASING THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLEVELAND OF ALL RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE VESSELS AND FOR THE PROJECT YESS PROGRAM.

Please call the Rotary Club of Cleveland office at 216.556.8637 before the application deadline to verify that we have received all of your materials. YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR SELECTION COMMITTEE PRIOR TO BEING ACCEPTED TO A 2017 AMBASSADORIAL POSITION. IF ACCEPTED YOU WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A YOUTH MENTORING RETREAT.

Please return **two copies** of completed application, typed short answers, and letter of recommendation to:

**PROJECT YESS
Rotary Club of Cleveland
1122 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115**

The Rotary Club of Cleveland offices are located in the Ohio Desk Company building at the above address. If you are dropping off materials, please be advised that building hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Metered parking is available in front of the building.

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www.rotaryclubofcleveland.com

NOTE: ALL ACCEPTED APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE A CURRENT SCHOOL OR CAMP PHYSICAL AT THE MAY 4th ORIENTATION; CURRENT IS DEFINED AS JUNE 26, 2016 OR AFTER. PHYSICALS DATED PRIOR TO JUNE 26, 2016 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please call (216) 556-8637 or email CleProjectYESS@gmail.com with questions.

Disclaimer: Project YESS is designed to provide an opportunity for students ages 13 through 17 to work together to develop character, leadership and life skills that can be transitioned to careers within and outside of the maritime industry. The Rotary Club of Cleveland works with designated vessels based on their published curriculums. The Rotary Club of Cleveland is not responsible for the operation or the management of the vessels. Each student (and parent or guardian as applicable) will be required to sign a waiver releasing the Rotary Club of Cleveland of all responsibilities on the vessels and for the Project YESS program.