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**Rotary Southwick seeks two (3) high school sophomore students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Seminar on June 1, 2024**

April 15, 2024… President Bob Fox announced that the club will sponsor three (3) **sophomore** students from Southwick Regional School (SRS) to attend the RYLA seminar. The seminar will be held at Springfield College East Campus on **June 1.** Expenses for this seminar will be paid by Rotary Southwick.

The RYLA program seeks to provide each student with an opportunity to develop their skills and character while exposing them to Rotary’s values of service, high ethical standards, and peace. The one-day program is an intensive training that brings together youth and young adults to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. The experience will build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills. Additionally, approximately 10 students from the seminar that have demonstrated superior leadership will be selected to attend the World Affairs Seminar held at Carroll University in Wisconsin, a week-long event held in June the following year. Expenses for the World Affairs seminar are paid by Rotary District 7890.

To apply, the student must complete an application in full. Selection will be based on an essay (minimum 600 words) regarding the student’s interest in leadership and Rotary’s motto of “Service above Self.”

The application and background information for the seminar may be downloaded from [www.southwickrotary.org](http://www.southwickrotary.org/), or request a copy from Mrs. Coviello in the SRS guidance department.

Please mail the completed application with all the necessary signatures and essay to Rotary Southwick, Box 701, Southwick, MA 01077**. Deadline for application is due back to Rotary Southwick on May 10.**

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