

# Rotaract Leadership Summit – Texas

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Investing in Young Leaders. Strengthening the Rotary Pipeline.

## **What Is the Rotaract Leadership Summit?**

The Rotaract Leadership Summit – Texas is a statewide leadership and service conference designed to engage, train, and empower young Rotaractors, students, and emerging professionals from across Texas.

Held annually in the spring, the Summit equips current and incoming Rotaract leaders with the skills, confidence, and connections needed to lead successful clubs and deepen their engagement with Rotary.

## **Why Does This Matter to Rotary Clubs?**

Strong Rotaract clubs are essential to a strong Rotary future. When Rotaract thrives, Rotary thrives. By supporting the Summit, Rotary clubs help:

- Increase Rotaract engagement and retention
- Prepare incoming Rotaract officers before the new Rotary year (July 1)
- Strengthen Rotary–Rotaract relationships
- Build a reliable pipeline of future Rotary members
- Reignite excitement at a critical leadership transition period

## **How Your Support Is Used?**

Rotary club contributions support high-cost, essential components of the Summit, including:

- Saturday breakfast and lunch for attendees, volunteers, and speakers (the largest and most unavoidable costs)
- Leadership programming and session support
- Event logistics and materials
- Supplies for the service project integrated in the summit
- A Summit T-shirt included with registration and volunteer T-shirts

Rotary support ensures a professional experience while keeping the Summit accessible for our target audience – young Rotaractors in college or the start of their careers.

## **Keeping the Summit Accessible**

Our goal is to keep registration at \$50 per participant, which includes:

- Full Saturday leadership programming and networking opportunities
- Breakfast, lunch, and Summit T-shirt
- Hands-on service project

Without Rotary support, registration costs would need to increase, limiting participation for students and young professionals. Your contribution directly removes financial barriers.

### **Funding Request**

We respectfully invite Rotary clubs to support the Summit with a contribution of: \$2,500. Support at any level is welcome, including: \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000, and joint sponsorships between clubs. All contributing clubs will be recognized appropriately.

### **Long-Term Impact & Sustainability**

Should there be remaining funds, all funds remaining after Summit expenses will be carried forward to support:

- Future Rotaract Leadership Summits
- Reduced start-up costs for next year
- Establishment of a Rotaract Leadership Summit Foundation to ensure it remains a sustainable annual tradition.

This ensures Rotary's investment continues to benefit young leaders year after year.

### **Why Does Spring Timing Matters?**

Hosting the Summit in April allows:

- Incoming Rotaract officers to receive training before taking office
- Clubs to enter the new Rotary year energized and prepared
- Rotary clubs to identify and mentor emerging leaders early
- Stronger continuity between outgoing and incoming leadership teams

### **Recognition for Supporting Clubs**

Supporting Rotary clubs receive:

- Recognition in Summit materials and program
- Acknowledgment during opening and closing sessions
- Social media recognition
- Opportunities to connect with Rotaractors and future Rotary leaders

### **Thank You for Investing in the Future of Rotary**

Supporting the Rotaract Leadership Summit is an investment in leadership, service, and the next generation of Rotary.

# RLS-TX Program Preview

## Tentative Summit Schedule

Friday

- 6:00–9:00 PM: Welcome Social

Saturday (Summit Day)

- 8:00–9:00 AM: Rise & Connect - Check-in & Breakfast Networking
- 9:00–10:00 AM: Opening General Session + Keynote
  - Parade of Clubs in Attendance (Presidents/Pres-elect) & Photo Slideshow
- 10:15–10:45 AM: Breakout Block 1
- 11:00–11:30 AM: Breakout Block 2
- 11:30–1:30 PM: Lunch + Table Topics (guided prompts) + Exhibit
- 1:45–2:15 PM: Breakout Block 3
- 2:30–3:00 PM: Breakout Block 4
- 3:15–4:00 PM: Service/Project Design Lab (all together or by clubs)
- 4:15–5:00 PM: Closing Session: “Call to Action” + District goals
- Evening: Optional social / Rotary dinner / free time

*\*\*\*Breakout Session Blocks will have speakers at 4 breakout rooms and a panel discussion in the auditorium.*

## Tentative Sample Topics:

1. Leadership & Personal Growth
  - “Leading When You’re Not the President”
  - “Conflict Resolution & Difficult Conversations”
  - “Time Management & Avoiding Burnout”
  - “Public Speaking for Impact”
  - “Creating a Positive Club/Team Culture”
  - “Inclusive Leadership: Welcoming Diverse Members”
2. Professional & Career Development
  - Resume Building & LinkedIn Optimization
  - Interview Skills & Mock Interviews
  - Networking 101: Turning Conversations into Opportunities
  - “From Rotaract to Career: Leveraging Service for Jobs”
  - Navigating Grad School/Fellowship Opportunities (Fulbright, Rotary, etc)
3. Rotaract & Rotary Knowledge
  - “Rotaract 101: Structure, Resources, and Opportunities”
  - “How to Start & Sustain a Rotaract Club”
  - “Working with Rotary Clubs and Districts”

- Rotary Grants & Global Grants for Rotaract Projects
  - “Pathways: From Interact → Rotaract → Rotary”
  - Rotaract Citations How to
4. Service & Project Design
- “Designing Impactful Service Projects (Logic Model Lite)”
  - “Community Needs Assessments: How to Choose Projects”
  - “Fundraising 101 for Rotaract”
  - “Event Planning & Volunteer Management”
  - “Measuring Impact & Telling Your Story”
  - SDGs & Local Action: Aligning Projects with Global Goals
5. Specialty / Fun Sessions / Panels
- “Storytelling & Social Media for Clubs”
  - Canva or design workshop for club branding
  - “Mental Health & Well-being for Student/Team Leaders”
  - “Women in Leadership” panel
  - “Latinx Leadership & Community Empowerment” panel
  - “From Rotaract to Real-World Leadership” panel
  - “The Future of Service: Innovation, Technology, and Impact” panel
  - “Leading Through Burnout: Boundaries, Balance, and Purpose” panel
  - “Global Citizenship Starts Local” panel
  - “From Volunteer to Changemaker: Scaling Your Impact” panel
  - “Rotaract After Graduation: What’s Next?” panel