



Missouri Rotary Youth Leadership Award Academy

Dear Student,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have been nominated to apply for participation in the Missouri Rotary Youth Leadership Award Academy for summer 2011! We encourage you and your parents/guardians to take a few minutes and read this informative letter to learn more about this unique opportunity that has been extended to you.

Rotary International is a service organization established for professionals within communities to come together to share ideas, resources, and talents. Rotary is recognized for many notable members as well as projects worldwide. With a membership of over 1.2 million men and women, Rotarians are involved with projects including the eradication of Polio, donations of educational supplies, scholarships, and many other worthwhile national and international causes.

The Rotary Clubs of Missouri participate in these great efforts. Rotary supports many student-focused programs including "Student of the Month" and "Student of the Year" recognition, Interact Clubs (Jr. Rotary Club) in some participating high schools, as well as scholarship contributions. RYLA is part of our enduring student tradition.

RYLA is an annual summer leadership academic academy, facilitated by qualified educational professionals and Rotarians, established over 19 years ago. Students selected to apply are usually incoming or outgoing high school sophomores, recognized by their local high school faculty and/or administration. These students have demonstrated the qualities that Rotary works to build...leadership capabilities, involvement in their educational community, or a commitment to service. We commend you. To be asked to apply is a compliment to you as an individual.

We encourage you to apply, submitting your application to your local Rotary Club well before the cut off date of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Please be aware of the requirements or qualifications of your sponsoring Club. Good luck with your application, and congratulation on your nomination. Keep up your good work. For any questions, contact your local Rotary club.

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