

Rotary Life Leadership Conference (LLC)
2024 Timeline and Questions & Answers
**(Especially helpful for LLC Chair/Representative for Student Recruiting,
Selection, Payment, and Registration Process)**

Note: Students are recruited and selected for the Life Leadership Conference (LLC) by the local Rotary Club who sponsors them. Start early! The Conference will be held at Ferris State University June 12-15, 2024.

Q: Who should attend the Life Leadership Conference?

A: Student recruitment and selection for the LLC is done by the local Rotary Clubs searching out the most promising leadership candidates from:

- a) Current freshmen through seniors (with high consideration of sophomores and juniors) who have good character and demonstrate actual leadership abilities, with maturity and the interest in learning more about leadership. ["Current" refers to the grade they are in when they are selected to attend, i.e., the grade they will complete right before the LLC in June]
- b) Rotary Interact Club emerging leaders who, by attending, may be empowered to become officers and chairpersons for their club in future years.
- c) Youth Exchange outbounds and inbounds or other International students showing leadership qualities and good character.
- d) See more suggestions in questions and answers that follow.

Q: When should active recruiting and selection of students begin by local Rotary Clubs?

A: Part 1: Start your RECRUITMENT by mid-January: to give your LLC chair or designated Rotary Club members time to talk with local high school personnel about how your club may utilize a space at the school, if needed, for talking with potential candidates, sharing your local club's application process with those students, and arranging your or your fellow Rotarians' time to interview the students to determine who should attend.

A. Part 2: We recommend that you have the student/s that you will sponsor, SELECTED by the end of March, if possible. This allows the student the time to complete the District's LLC (Online) REGISTRATION with downloadable consent form, earlier than the deadline, to assist the LLC volunteer staff in preparing for the appropriate number of attendees! The REGISTRATION DEADLINE is May 20, 2024. The LLC Chair will need to complete and mail the *Sponsor Summary Form* with the Rotary Club's check for the tuition of \$375/student to the District, by May 20, 2024.

Q: How does the student REGISTER for the LLC once my Rotary Club selects them as a candidate to attend? What is the deadline for them to REGISTER?

A: Once your local Rotary Club has selected the student/s, assist the student/s to complete the District's LLC (Online) REGISTRATION with downloadable consent form. It can be found as a link on the District 6290 Website (ridistrict6290.org) under Life Leadership Conference. Your selected students will need to complete the REGISTRATION FORM, NO LATER THAN May 20, 2024. Start it early; it has a downloadable consent form at the end that needs to be uploaded!!

Q: How is payment made for the students that our club selects?

A: The LLC Chair will need to complete and mail the *Sponsor Summary Form* with your Rotary Club's check for the tuition of \$375/student or \$275/inbound or outbound to the District, by May 20.

Q: How many students should we sponsor?

A: The cost is \$375 per student; \$275 per Youth Exchange student, inbound or outbound. To have a successful conference with 53 District clubs, the average attendance would be about 3 per club, although clubs are welcome to sponsor more than three. For LLC planning purposes, it is helpful for the LLC staff to know early, when possible, how many students will be attending, so prompt attention to the time frame of selection, payment, and registration, is appreciated. If space becomes a concern, please

note that sponsored students are admitted on a first-come-first-served basis, according to the date of their completed online registration along with the date that the District receives tuition payment.

Q: How do we find prospective candidates?

A: Ask Interact advisors, school counselors, principals, coaches, student council advisors, teachers, etc. Secure names and feel free to create your own Rotary Club application form to collect information from the student that will assist you in learning about their character, leadership skills, interest, and earnestness in attending this conference. Get input from Rotarians in your club. In-person interviews are encouraged to help assist you or your committee in the selection of the student/s you will sponsor. Strive for diversity, equity and inclusion. Once selected, direct them to the link for the LLC (Online) REGISTRATION FORM with downloadable consent form found on the District Website. Consider hosting the candidate/s at your Rotary meetings and mentor them in the ideals of service. If necessary, help transport them to the Life Leadership Conference, and invite them to a Rotary meeting again afterwards to give a full report.

Q: What about non-traditional students?

A: Seek out mature students who will “bring something special to the table”; the home-schooled student, minority students, refugee students, alternative ed students.

Q: What about International students?

A: Please consider them as important LLC candidates. Sponsor inbounds if they have demonstrated (during their year of exchange) a serious purpose about fellowship with Rotary, leadership development, and involvement in school activities.

Q: What if a Rotary Club’s student whom they selected is forced to cancel after the May 20 Registration deadline?

A: Please contact one of the District LLC Co-directors, John Noling (231-670-3740) or Rhonda Lamberg (989-329-6795), as soon as possible to explain the situation. Refunds are determined at this point on an individual basis based on conference materials and items ordered, and our site contract terms. A Rotary Club *may be* encouraged to secure a qualified and screened alternate to be substituted for the admitted candidate who cannot attend, if time will allow for this option, and providing that the replacement student’s REGISTRATION is completed by a date agreed upon by the District LLC Co-Directors. Refunds cannot be made for “no shows”, as meals, lodging, t-shirts, conference materials, etc. must be reserved, prepared, and ordered in advance.

Q: What if a student has an employment conflict?

A: Students may receive a letter from you as their sponsoring Rotary Club member, to give to their employer requesting time off to attend the conference. You may also intercede with employers, soliciting the employer’s support for the candidate’s attendance at the Life Leadership Conference.