



Rotary District 6330 RYLA Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders
Western University London, Ontario, Canada May 11-13, 2018

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Student Information Sheets

Selection Criteria

You've been chosen for this **Seminar** by your school counselors and sponsoring Rotarians, as a student who has demonstrated positive leadership abilities in your school and community. You have a history of serving on student councils, participating in extracurricular activities at school and in your community, and have been recognized for these activities. Your sponsors have placed a great deal of faith in you as an individual who will one day take your place in the world as a leader in your chosen field of endeavor.

Seminar Program

This seminar will involve you in a number of small group activities that will allow you to examine leadership styles, and will challenge you to examine your personal leadership style and how it affects others around you. A number of speakers have been chosen, who should stimulate your thoughts about leadership, or about your attitudes toward the world around us. Open discussion with the speakers, followed by dialogue with other student leaders, will help you to discover what an important responsibility you have as a future leader. Perhaps most important of all, will be the opportunity to share your views and concerns with other student leaders. The most significant leaders in our two great countries today, were at one time secondary students like yourselves, who were then trying to discover who they were, and what they were about. Rotary International is particularly proud of its achievement in helping many of these men and women to become the effective leaders that they are today. We're also pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to you, tomorrow's dynamic young readers.

Activities

In addition to the seminar program itself, there will be limited opportunity to view the facilities of UWO. Musical instruments are always welcome. On Saturday evening, we're planning a pizza party, and have hired a local disk jockey to provide music for an informal dance. Although students need no money, they will find it handy to arrive at the University with some coins to purchase items from the vending machines. Students should bring clothing suitable for informal program sessions, an informal evening dance, and some outdoor activities.

Accommodations

Ontario Hall is a fairly large self-contained student residence. Presentations and group activities will take place in the main lounge. Girls will be assigned to rooms in one wing, the boys will be, accommodated in the opposite wing. Every effort will be made to put each student with someone from a different school, and where possible Canadians will room with Americans. Meals will be served in the residence dining room.

Special Needs

Students with special dietary needs, or physically challenged students who require special facilities, should note those needs on their application. We will do our best to meet those requirements. We want you to feel the special needs should not be an impediment to being a leader.



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Student Responsibilities

Assuming that you have been well chosen as a participant in the, you will already understand that we have high expectations in regard to your participation and behavior. Students who withdraw from discussions, or don't become fully involved in small group activities, cannot benefit fully from this opportunity. Come prepared to risk being a real leader.

A few students in the past have told us that we should tell them in advance what all the rules of behavior are. As Rotarians, we believe the genuine leaders, even at your age, know what is expected in regard to behavior and responsibility. For example, dormitories for men and women are separate, and are out of bounds to members of the opposite sex. Breakfast comes early, as does the first session of the day. To be fully involved in the next day's activities you need your rest, and so does everyone else. **LIGHT'S OUT means LIGHT'S OUT.**

This Seminar has been planned to have you involved from the moment you arrive, until the time you leave. There's simply no time available for you to go shopping, sightseeing, or visiting friends and relatives. Please plan to do that on another occasion. No permission will be given to anyone to leave the campus during the Seminar. Please don't ask.

The Rotarians who will be at the seminar have volunteered their time to make this program available to you. They look forward to meeting, and working with tomorrow's leaders. Because student participants have been so well chosen in previous years, Rotarians have rarely had to "police" the behavior of students. At the risk of being too blunt, we would like it clearly understood that any student who does not participate fully in the sessions, or infringes upon the rights of others by not following basic guidelines of good behavior, will be required to leave.

Other Notes

Messages: Important calls may be phoned to my cell phone 519-630-3461 during the seminar. If I do not answer directly please leave a message and I will pass on the message or get back to you very shortly.

A booklet will be issued to each student registration. It will contain your agenda and other materials required for some of the small group activities.

Health information: Each Ontario student should have their health cards with them and those students from Michigan should be sure they have out of country health insurance coverage.

One additional consideration for Michigan students is the requirement for government issued picture identification to be able to return to the US after the weekend. Please check with US customs officials to see what is acceptable.

For campus maps showing **Ontario Hall** and for directions to the campus please follow the following link

<http://www.geography.uwo.ca/campusmaps/>