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**TODAY’S DATE HERE – [insert local details such as HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA]**

**The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is looking for young leaders (ages 15-19) that would benefit from a fully-paid week of virtual leadership training.**

The SLAPSHOT program, dedicated to promoting and nurturing young leaders, is now seeking applicants for its 2021 instalment. SLAPSHOT 2021 will run on-line over the week of May 2-8, 2021. Through evening virtual “campfire” sessions throughout the week, participants will engage in collaborative sessions for learning about interpersonal skills, problem-solving, wellness and communication skills.

Each year, students leave SLAPSHOT feeling more confident in themselves and prepared to strengthen their involvement with initiatives that they believe will make a difference in their local communities.

This year’s program registration is limited to 40 young student leaders. Applicants must apply through their Rotary clubs, who will sponsor selected students to attend. Ideal candidates are high school students or recent graduates 15-19 years old who have demonstrated maturity, enthusiasm, and interest in making a positive difference in their school and community.

The program is designed and run by members of Rotary District 7090 (Buffalo/Niagara/Hamilton/ Brantford) in collaboration with guest speakers and leadership facilitators.

“After missing SLAPSHOT in 2020 due to COVID-19, we realized we couldn’t let the youth in our district miss another opportunity to develop their leadership skills,” said Sarah Bradshaw, the SLAPSHOT chair. “We are excited to pivot the program on-line this year and create a virtual space for young leaders in our district to have impactful conversations, learn together and from each other.”

Application deadline for [insert local club] is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [work back from District April 14, 2021 cutoff]

**For More Information:** <http://www.rotary7090.org/sitepage/what-is-slapshot>

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