The Rotary Connection

RYLA is designed to help young adults develop leadership skills, self-confidence and character. To accomplish this goal, District 5500 Rotary clubs bring together young adults from across Southern Arizona to attend the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards workshop. RYLA events are planned, organized, and facilitated by Rotary volunteers.

How to Apply for RYLA

RYLA delegates are selected, interviewed, and sponsored by local Rotary clubs, who pay the $400 cost to attend. RYLA information packets and applications to participate in this rewarding program can be found at:

http://www.rotaryd5500.org/Page/ryla-rotary-youth-leadership-awards

- Review information to include objectives, requirements and code of conduct.
- Complete the application. Student & parents must sign. Be sure to answer questions on activities and leadership.
- Submit the application to your local Rotary club.
- All applicants will go through an interview and selection process by their sponsoring Rotary Club.
- Selected applicants are notified by the sponsor club.
- If selected, applicants must commit to attend and participate in the entire 4-day workshop January 17-20, 2020

Application Deadline November 1, 2019

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Other Rotary Youth Programs:

INTERACT – Service club for middle and high school students ages 12-18
Youth Exchange – a chance for High School students to live and study abroad
ROTARACT – Service club for young adults 18-30 years of age
Scholarships – College Scholarships and Rotary Peace Fellowships

DISTRICT 5500
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District Governor
Ellie Patterson
What is RYLA?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive 4-day workshop for youth ages 14 to 18 in grades 9-12. These young adults are chosen for their leadership potential to attend an all-expense-paid training program designed to build, strengthen, and practice leadership skills used in all aspects of business, community, school, and life.

RYLA was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971. District 5500’s RYLA is held at Chapel Rock in Prescott.

**RYLA core curriculum:**

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Public Speaking
- Ethical decision making using Rotary’s 4-Way Test
- Team building and group problem solving
- Building self-confidence and self-esteem on the Outdoor Challenge Course
- Exploring Rotary’s six areas of service

**What is the RYLA Experience?**

- Stepping outside personal comfort zones. Facing fears and rising to the challenge.
- Gaining insight into your personal leadership style, strengths, and challenges, then having an opportunity to practice leadership skills in a team setting.
- Learning to work with others from diverse backgrounds to solve problems and achieve common goals.
- Strengthening skills in public speaking and team problem solving.
- Building friendships with peers from across southern Arizona.

**Lead Others**

- Return as a Jr Counselor and continue to grow your leadership skills.