

Rotary District 5790



*"Building Tomorrow's Leaders
Through Investment in Today's Youth..."*

Dear RYLA Applicant,

In 1971, Rotary International adopted the **R**otary **Y**outh **L**eadership **A**wards program to promote leadership development for future leaders in our community.

Since that time, local Rotary Clubs of District 5790 have sponsored young men and women from various schools for camp RYLA so they may participate and learn valuable leadership skills. The seventy-five Rotary Clubs of District 5790 will typically sponsor 135 young leaders to attend this annual leadership experience.

Your local Rotary Club is inviting you to apply for an opportunity to attend this year's RYLA camp held June 25-28, 2026. You must be a junior or senior in the fall of 2026 to be eligible. This year the leadership camp will be conducted at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

If you are selected, the \$450 cost for the camp will be paid by the local Rotary Club and you will be responsible for incidental items only (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.).

It is very important to understand that if you are selected for sponsorship you should not have a time conflict with the camp in June. Plans are already being made and late cancellations will result in the loss of the club's tuition and the opportunity for another student to attend camp RYLA.

We have included a link to the online Request for Application (RFA) which should only take a few minutes of your time to complete. After completing the RFA, a link to the full application will be emailed to you. Your parents/guardians must complete the full application online and submit the forms.

A RYLA fact sheet has been included with this letter. Thank you for your interest and GO RYLA!!!!!!

[RYLA Request for Application](#)

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2026 Fact Sheet Rotary District 5790

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - A Leadership Development Experience

- What:** In 1971 Rotary International adopted RYLA – an intensive leadership development program for youth leaders.
- When:** June 25-28, 2026
- Where:** Texas Woman’s University - Denton, Texas
- Who:** Students must be a high school junior or senior in the fall of 2026. Students must be between the ages of 16 and 18. Students should meet the following qualifications:
- Leadership experience or potential, demonstrated through participation in youth group or service activities
 - Cooperative nature and willingness to participate in a group
 - Awareness of current events
 - Strong communication skills
 - Good performance in school and work
 - Enthusiasm for sharing newly found skills
- Cost:** **No cost to the student. A local Rotary Club funds the \$450 sponsorship of the student.**

The RYLA Program is conducted in a professional, collegiate atmosphere where participants will:

- Develop leadership skills through experiential and fun activities
- Increase self-confidence and enhance teamwork skills through participation in challenge course exercises
- Learn proper social and business etiquette while participating in a formal dinner event.
- Observe how city government operates while participating in a mock City Council Meeting.
- Expand their civic and patriotic skills in ethics and responsibility classes
- Learn about the purpose and objectives of Rotary International while attending a Rotary club meeting.
- Learn about the Rotary Four Way Test
- Participate in a community service project
- Participate in a global political exercise

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary’s respect and concern for young people
- Provide leadership concepts for selected youth leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

RYLA provides:

- An introduction of a variety of issues and people
- An opportunity to make new friends
- RYLA is FUN!!