

**Rotary**  
District 5650



# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

If your club hasn't already made a payment for 2021-2022, PLEASE SUPPORT RYLA Tuition for 2022 at \$300 per student. Checks to support our RYLA students can be written to Rotary District 5650 and mailed to: Council Bluffs Rotary Club, PO Box 673, Council Bluffs IA 51502. Please recruit students in your area and lead them to the District website to apply.

RYLA camp is an opportunity for young people to develop themselves, acquire leadership skills, learn ethical standards, and hear about Rotary's mission both domestically and internationally, and gain knowledge about being a good citizen in the world. RYLA participation offers students the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and life skills

## IDEAL CANDIDATES

Ideal RYLA candidates are high school sophomores and juniors who demonstrate leadership experience or potential, a cooperative nature and willingness to participate in a group, and have an awareness of current events and international issues. They must also possess strong communication skills, prove good performance in school or work, show enthusiasm for sharing newfound skills with others as well as a proven dedication to community service. The Rotary International Board encourages us to also invite socially and economically disadvantaged youth who have leadership potential. These youth may not have easy access to leadership development opportunities in their own communities, so the potential for impact is all the greater. And, of course, we encourage recruiting students that may have physical or social challenges (we have hosted autistic and wheelchair bound students). Above all, we seek diversity.

## NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Participants/nominees are recruited by at-large district teachers, counselors, and individual DISTRICT 5650 Rotary clubs. Rotarians are encouraged to recruit their children or grandchildren who meet the age requirements (they do not have to reside in District 5650) as they receive priority placement. The balance of open spots will be given to accepted, at-large, high school nominees. Rotary clubs cover all expenses. Recruiting information and the application can be found on the district website under Exchange Ideas/Youth Services. Clubs recruit for themselves unless they wish to be matched with an at-large student. The deadline for students to apply is March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to incorporate new and different activities to teach and/or incorporate team building, self-development, local and global awareness, and motivational experiences that will help the students improve their leadership skills and promote the ideals of Rotary and service to our communities and the world.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM!