

Scholarships for Fall 2026 RYLA

I am pleased to announce that we are accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming Fall RYLA program.

The District Grants Sub-Committee will award up to two Scholarships per Club this Rotary year (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027), on a first-come-first-served basis, as long as funds remain available. Each Scholarship awards \$100, half of the registration fee of \$200.

To be considered for a scholarship the Club President completes the RYLA Scholarship application form [HERE](#). Please review the form carefully when completing it.

Notes:

- No signature is required on the form. As long as I receive an email from the Club President with a completed scholarship form attached, I consider that to be adequate confirmation of his/her approval. No pen-and-ink signature is required.
- Your Club is responsible for paying the registration fees for your scholarship student(s) on time (by November 6, 2026).
- Before issuing your check, I will confirm with RYLA leadership that (1) your student is paid in full and (2) your student completed the RYLA program.
- There is no longer a requirement for the Club to submit a student participation certificate. I will confirm your student's participation, as noted above.
- The RYLA Scholarship program is entirely separate from the RYLA Program itself. Applying for a Scholarship does not register your student for the program. You can find registration information on the RYLA web page: <https://d7980.org/event/fall-2026-ryla/>.

Make sure your application is in my hands by **Friday, November 6, 2026**, for your Club to qualify for a RYLA scholarship.

RYLA is the most exciting program I've experienced in Rotary - students invariably come back from RYLA ***ON FIRE*** to do good in the world. If your Club is not sending students to RYLA, you should!

John Merkel, District Grants Sub-Committee Chair
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