

34th Annual

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar (RYLA)

2015 STUDENT REGISTRATION PACKET



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RYLA Dates & Location December 4-6, 2015

The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center
901 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061

(540) 231-8000 or (877) 200-3360

(This packet contains information for School Counselors, Parents and Students)

Thank you for participating in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar (RYLA). The seminar brings together high school juniors and seniors from Winchester, Virginia to Greenville, Tennessee for a weekend of fun and an opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills. Participants will have the opportunity to hear outstanding speakers, participate in team activities, practice leadership skills and grow personally by sharing ideas and experiences with peers throughout the district. Participation in the Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest (RFWT Speech Contest) is encouraged but is optional.

RYLA and RFWT Speech Contest Registration and Cost Information

RYLA Seminar costs and transportation will be provided by the sponsoring Rotary Club.

Students	\$275 per person double occupancy
Youth Exchange Students	\$200 per person double occupancy
Chaperones	\$200 per person double occupancy or \$300 per person single occupancy
RFWT Speech Contest	\$50 per student <i>(Optional but student shall be a RYLA registrant)</i>

Registration Deadline

Packets must be postmarked by **November 1, 2015**

- School counselors, parents and students shall ensure all registration material is complete and legible. Sponsoring Rotary Clubs may require registration packets be returned by mid-October
- **Mailing address** is listed on the Summary Cover Sheet located in the Club Information Packet. Sponsoring Rotary Clubs please include Summary Cover Sheet with registration forms and payment when mailed.
- Additional information and all forms are available at www.rotary7570.org/RYLA

Eligibility

- Be a high school junior or senior- Recommend students who have not previously attended
- Have a record of accomplishment in school
- Exhibit leadership qualities and a wish to improve leadership skills
- Be willing to participate in group activities
- Complete all application and release forms for the seminar

On-site Conference Check-in and Check-out

RYLA Check-in: Friday, December 4, 2015

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.* - Latham Foyer
Students participating in the RFWT Speech Contest and RYLA may check-in for both during the Speech Contest check-in at 9:30 am. The Speech Contest will begin at 10:30 am.

**All participating students and chaperones should bring their own sack lunch on Friday December 4th.*

RYLA Check-out: Sunday, December 6, 2015

11:00 a.m. – Hotel Lobby

Transportation to and from RYLA:

Transportation is to be provided by the sponsoring Rotary Clubs, as no student is permitted to drive himself/herself to the RYLA Seminar. Students participating in the RFWT Speech Contest may require special transportation arrangements. Rotary Club sponsors and parents shall communicate directly all transportation arrangements. Student will not be permitted to leave the seminar site while RYLA is in session. If there are special circumstances, the attendee's parents and sponsoring Rotary Club need to make arrangements and share with RYLA Coordinators. All RYLA chaperones and drivers are required to complete a Background Check Form (Separate File Attachment which may be obtained from sponsoring Rotary Club or RYLA Website).

Any **inclement weather** that occurs during the conference will be closely monitored. If it becomes necessary to cancel the seminar, parents and Sponsoring Clubs will be notified immediately. Travel arrangements or alternate plans for students will be made with parent permission. Chaperone and students will be apprised of seminar modifications or cancellation due to weather.

Seminar Attire: Students participating in the speech contest should wear professional attire otherwise dress throughout the seminar is nice casual (jeans permitted). Please bring tennis shoes for group/physical activities and warm outdoor clothing for outside activities. Be sure to bring a warm jacket or coat. The dinner on Friday evening is nice casual. Saturday evening is a little dressier. Guys should wear slacks and a dress shirt (jackets and ties optional) and ladies should wear a nice dress, jacket dress, or skirt and blouse. Remember your dancing shoes for both Friday and Saturday nights!

Questions: If you have any questions about RYLA, please contact your Rotary Club Sponsor or RYLA Chair Robert Adams at (434) 489-2682 or rlinc@hotmail.com

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RYLA Student Participant Registration Form - 2015

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Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Name of High School: _____ **School District:** _____

Home Address: _____
Street or Box/Route City/Town State Zip

Phone Numbers Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address - please print clearly: _____

T-shirt Size (Select One): S M L XL 2X

Tell Us More About Yourself

Age: 16 17 18 19 **Gender:** Male Female **Class:** Junior Senior

I am a Youth Foreign Exchange Student: Yes No

I will be participating in the RFWT Speech Contest: Yes No

Please list any medically necessary meals or other accommodations that you require: _____

To be completed by sponsoring Rotary Club

Name of Sponsoring Rotary Club _____

Name of Rotary Club Contact _____

Telephone Numbers Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address - please print clearly: _____

Rotary Club Member transporting RYLA student home on Sunday, December 6, 2015:

Name: _____

Telephone Numbers Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address - please print clearly: _____

(Mailing address is listed on summary cover sheet which is in the Club Information Packet)

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Student's Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Name of High School: _____

High School Activities

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Student Assurance: I understand that, as a selected participant in RYLA, I agree to attend all sessions, to participate to the best of my ability, and to follow guidelines for nightly room curfews. **I have read and agree to abide by the Rules of the Seminar and requirements of the chaperones as set forth below.** I understand photos taken at RYLA may be used during Rotary Club presentations or Rotary publications. I also understand that it is the responsibility of the Sponsoring Rotary Club to provide my transportation to and from the RYLA Seminar. Special travel arrangements for the RFWT Speech Contest may need to be coordinated. **I agree to give a presentation on my RYLA experience at a future Rotary Club meeting in early 2016.**

Signature of Student: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission: Our son/daughter has our permission to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar December 4 – 6, 2015 at The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center in Blacksburg, VA. I understand that students will not be allowed to drive themselves to or from RYLA. I understand that Rotarians and chaperones will be conducting the seminar and that there will be curfews and chaperones supervising the participants pursuant to the rules set forth below. I consent to provision of emergency medical care if necessary.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Email of Parent/Guardian - please print clearly: _____

Contact Phone Numbers #1: _____ #2: _____

RULES OF THE SEMINAR - RYLA student agrees to abide by the following rules of conduct:

- I agree not to consume alcoholic beverages
- I agree not to use abusive conduct or language
- I agree not to engage in inappropriate behavior
- I agree to abide by all curfew rules
- I agree to attend all seminar sessions and events
- I agree not to use any tobacco products
- I agree not to use any drugs which have not been specifically prescribed for me
- I agree to follow instructions and requirements of the chaperones
- I agree not to use my cell phone during seminar presentations or group sessions
- While attending RYLA, I agree not to meet with any outside visitors unless special arrangements have been approved in advance with RYLA officials

I understand that failure to abide by the rules outlined herein may result in RYLA officials contacting a parent/guardian with possible dismissal from the seminar.

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I hereby grant Rotary International, Rotary Clubs of District 7570, their Rotarian members, program personnel of Rotary youth programs (including but not limited to Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Youth Exchange), volunteers, associates and designated representatives permission to use my likeness in any and all publications, including websites, without payment or any other consideration.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of Rotary District 7570, or its program personnel, volunteers, associates and designated representatives and will not be returned.

I hereby authorize Rotary International, Rotary Clubs of District 7570, their Rotarian members, program personnel of Rotary youth programs (including but not limited to Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Youth Exchange), volunteers, associates and designated representatives permission to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, distribute, print, publish, electronically or otherwise, the photo(s) and or video(s) for their programs, events, bulletins, newsletters, web-sites, or any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect the final product, including spoken, written or electronic copy related to the use of the photographs or video's.

I hereby hold and release and forever discharge the Rotary International, Rotary Clubs of District 7570, their Rotarian members, program personnel of Rotary youth programs (including but not limited to Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Youth Exchange), volunteers, associates and designated representatives from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other person acting on my behalf, or on the behalf of my estate, have or may have by reason of this authorization.

Student's Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

If the person signing is under age 21, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the forgoing on behalf of person named above.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

2015 Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest

Friday, December 4, 2015 | 10:30AM



The speech contest is one way Rotarians can support students who make healthy choices in the ethical issues that they face in everyday life as teens. Students are subjected to pressure from peers to engage in unhealthy, unwise and unethical behaviors and choices, and the speech contest enables Rotarians to reward teens who not only set healthy and ethical life goals for themselves but who also seek to influence their peers in positive ways.

The RFWT Speech Contest will be held on **Friday morning, December 4, 2015, just prior to the beginning of RYLA (Registration begins at 9:30 AM so special travel arrangements may need to be made). The Speech Contest will begin at 10:30 AM.** The purpose of the speech contest is to help teens address ethical issues that they face and develop the skills and responses to inform friends and family and other students of the choices in ethical issues and to relate those to the Rotary Four Way Test. Students in District 7570 face the same temptations, the same pressures, and the same ethical and behavior choices, as those teens across the country.

Speech contestants (High School Juniors/Seniors) are asked to present a six-minute persuasive talk, directed toward their peers, to promote high ethical standards in daily life. Topics may include personal experiences and/or knowledge of ethical behavior, decision making, peer pressure, relationships, bullying, substance abuse prevention or other experiences as it relates to the Rotary Four Way Test of the things we think, say, or do. Further, each presenter should describe his/her ideas for reducing and/or eliminating negative and unethical behavior in teens. The speech will be judged for content and presentation.

Please note that the RFWT format herein replaces the Substance Abuse Prevention format used in previous years. The content should be focused, clear, and accurate, and should be delivered in a logical, organized, and persuasive manner. Articulation, body language, creativity, and effectiveness in engaging peers in the message of ethical choices and behavior relating to Rotary's Four Way Test will be important criteria in judging presentations.

Rotary's Four Way Test

First, Is it the truth? Second, Is it fair to all concerned?

Third, Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Fourth, Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Speech participants are encouraged to dress in a professional manner. We are not prescribing that students must go buy a suit or dress. Rather, we would like for the students to consider attire that is consistent with a presentation they would give if they were visiting business leaders at a local Rotary Club meeting.

On Friday morning, December 4, 2015, a panel of adult judges will select six finalists. The finalists will deliver their presentations at the first General Session of RYLA, beginning at 1:00 Friday afternoon. Students attending RYLA will vote to assist in the selection of the first, second, and third place winners. The three winners will receive prizes of \$700, \$500, and \$300 for first through third places. The second and third place winners will be invited by their sponsoring Rotary Club at a future date to deliver their presentation and receive their award check. The first place winner will deliver their presentation and receive their award check at the District 7570 Conference on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at The Homestead at Hot Springs, VA. **Questions about the RFWT Speech Contest may be directed to Whit Menefee, 540-476-0710 or wmenefee@yahoo.com**

RYLA Chaperone Registration Form – 2015

MUST ACCOMPANY STUDENT REGISTRATION FORMS
MAILED BY SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB.



Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Name of Sponsoring Rotary Club: _____

Select One: Rotarian School Sponsor Name of School _____

Home Address: _____
Street or Box/Route City/Town State Zip

Phone Numbers Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address - please print clearly: _____

T-shirt Size (Select One): S M L XL 2X

Select one: I have / have not* completed and submitted the RYLA Background Screening Form.
If not, please contact the sponsoring Rotary Club or go to the RYLA link below to obtain this form. **After completion, please mail directly to the address listed on the bottom of the Annual Background Check Form.*

Hotel Accommodations

Please mark below your room preference that your sponsoring Rotary Club is paying for your stay at The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center.

Single Occupancy - \$300 Double Occupancy - \$200**

***If you selected Double Occupancy, please note if you have selected a roommate. Otherwise a roommate will be assigned at RYLA.*

Name of roommate: _____

Thank you!

Thank you for serving as a chaperone. Once your registration has been received, you will receive an email providing you with basic information regarding chaperone responsibilities. All chaperones are required to complete and mail a background screening form.

**Additional information and forms may be obtained from: www.rotary7570.org/RYLA
(Mailing address is listed on summary cover sheet which is in the Club Information Packet)
Chaperone related questions may be directed to the RYLA Chaperone Coordinator:
Danny Gaby dgaby@comcast.net 423-276-4637**