

2025 RYLA Fact Sheet

What is RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership program coordinated by Rotary Clubs around the globe. Each year, thousands of young people participate in this program. In our Rotary District, current high school juniors (11th grade) are sponsored by Rotary Clubs to attend the event run by the club's district committee. Participants are chosen for their leadership potential. Rotary Clubs and the Rotary District cover all expenses for the participants. The format of the event varies from district to district, but commonly take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary clubs and districts select participants and facilitate the event.

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global humanitarian organization made up of clubs that bring together business, professional, and community leaders to provide service and promote peace worldwide. Founded in 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago, Rotary International now has over 1.4 million members in more than 35,000 clubs across the globe.

When is RYLA 2025?

In Rotary District 7720 (Eastern North Carolina) RYLA 2025 will be held from noon Friday, April 25 to noon Sunday, April 27 at the Eastern 4-H Center, 100 N. Clover Way, Columbia, NC 27925.

What is the cost to attend RYLA?

There is no cost to the participant. All costs are paid by the local Rotary Clubs sponsoring the student(s).

How does one apply to a RYLA Scholarship?

Applications for the RYLA Scholarship Award should be available in the Guidance Office of your local High School. Students can also directly contact the local Rotary Club in their town for an application.

What is the timing?

Applications should be available by November 15, 2024. Completed applications must be returned to the local Rotary Club no later than January 15. Successful recipients will be notified in February.

Where can one get more information?

Contact Prof. Andrew Garlick, Rotary District 7720 Youth Services Chair, at amgrotary@gmail.com or (917) 656-8778.

