



November 15, 2025, at Connecticut College in New London, 8 am – 6 pm

What is RYLA?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is District 7980's leadership training program for young men and women in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors). These talented youth from area high schools are **supported by their local Rotary clubs** to attend an action-packed day conference. **Their activities are designed to increase their leadership skills and commitment to community service, while creating positive change locally and internationally.**

RYLA is held twice a year, in the fall and spring. RYLA is an internationally recognized program, attended by over 9,000 young adults each year, who are sponsored by Rotary Clubs in more than 25 countries. Dedicated Rotarians, Student Advisors, and selected facilitators make up the RYLA team.

The Objective of RYLA

To develop personal and leadership skills with a focus placed on communication, problem-solving and management abilities. The program also introduces young people to the joys and responsibilities of community service, global citizenship, + Rotary International's Vision:

“Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

Rotary’s motto – “Service Above Self”

Candidate Criteria

High school students who:

1. Demonstrate leadership in school or community organizations.
2. Make moral decisions, distinguish right from wrong.
3. Display the willingness to be an active member of a group.
4. Promote curiosity about current events: local, state, national and international.
5. Encourage speaking and listening to others in front of an audience.

RYLA Event Dates:

Fall 2025

* Student Application due date: **Friday, November 5th, 2025**

* Sponsorship Club payment due date: **Saturday, November 8th, 2025**

* Conference Date: **Saturday, November 15, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

Cost

The cost is \$200 for the sponsor/sponsoring organization.

** The conference begins on Saturday at 8:00 AM

** The conference ends on Saturday at 6:00 PM

*****Late arrivals and/or early departures are not allowed.**

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