

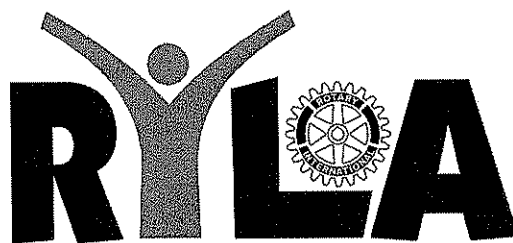
Missouri Rotary Youth Leadership Award Academy

- Rotary International Program of over 40 years
 - Outstanding high school incoming or outgoing sophomores
 - 3-½ day summer leadership academy
- \$400 per participant--sponsored by local club
- Service leadership/academic curriculum
 - Private university campus location
 - Mentorship with Rotarians and Educational Professional Counselors
 - Professional presenters
 - Low Ropes Course Experience
 - Project Management Skill Development
 - Fun and Games

Sunday June 27th to Wednesday June 30th, 2010
William Woods University—Fulton, Missouri

For questions: Director Valerie Anderson 816-734-3901
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We are looking for the students with hearts of service



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Important Academy Dates:

November 2nd, 2009-- Applications available to local Rotary Clubs statewide

March 1st, 2010-- Applications with full \$400 payment due to:

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March 15th, 2010—Application confirmation and academy registration packet information sent to participants

April 10th, 2010—Letter to sponsoring Rotary Club regarding transportation requirements and refund policy

May 1st, 2010-- Participant registration packets due
Confirmation postcard will be sent when packet received

May 10th, 2010-- Final student drop date with full club refund

May 11th to June 25th, 2010—Participants selected to replace students that withdrawal

Sunday June 27th to Wednesday June 30th, 2010--RYLA Academy at William Woods University, Fulton, Missouri

Dear Club President,

Would you and your Rotary Club like to change the life of a young person in your community? You can do just that by sending a student to the Missouri RYLA Academy June 27-June 30th, 2010 at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri.

The RYLA Academy is a three and one-half day program that includes an introduction to Rotary's "Service Above Self" philosophy and youth programs, a personality self-assessment, team activities (including a professional team-challenge ropes course), and instruction/direction in service leadership based on Rotary's foundational principles of service. The students are nominated and encouraged to apply through recommendations of Rotarians and the local high school administrators/faculty and are preferably incoming or outgoing high school sophomores.

Participants leave the experience with a renewed or enlarged sense of purpose, new friends, and the confidence to return to his or her high school and community with an awareness of the importance and impact of service leadership. They leave with established personal goals for their future life of service.

RYLA is a Rotary International program that has been offered in Missouri for the past 17 years. Districts 6080, 6060 and 6040 have formally partnered to fund and administer this premier service leadership academy. Professional educator-counselors, motivational presenters, and outstanding Rotarians make up the faculty. Hundreds of students have participated in this RYLA youth program and we look forward to serving many more.

Our goal is for every Rotary Club in Missouri to sponsor a qualified student at the RYLA Academy. The cost is \$400 per participant, and the club is also responsible for arranging the student's transportation to and from Fulton, as well as collecting any required paperwork before specific due dates. Some clubs ask the student to pay a small portion of the tuition, to give the student ownership in the program. We also find that this helps to avoid late cancellations. In return, the student-participant expects to be asked to present a club program and understands the value of partnering with your club in future service efforts.

The enclosed documents include the following:

For the student nominees (on white paper):

- A letter of information for the nominated student and his or her parents/guardians
- An informational flyer for the applicant to keep for reference
- Academy application

This student packet should be given to each nominee. Please copy as many as needed.

For your club (on yellow paper):

- A flyer containing guidelines for selecting a student
- Guidelines for Clubs sponsoring students from each district
- Page containing *important* academy deadline dates

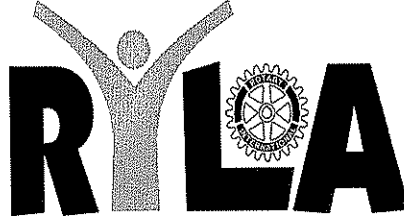
This packet is for club use only.

Due to the huge success of the Missouri RYLA Academy, *space is limited!* Applicants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis, according to the guidelines adopted by the Missouri RYLA Committee. **Please adhere to the final registration date of MARCH 1, 2010.**

We look forward to working with you and your club. If your club is interested in additional information, please feel free to contact me at vanderson7@kc.rr.com or telephone 816.734.3901.

Sincerely,

Valerie Anderson
Director
Missouri RYLA Academy



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Dear Student,

CONGRATULATIONS! You have been nominated to apply for participation in the Missouri Rotary Youth Leadership Award Academy for summer 2010! We encourage you and your parents/guardians to take a few minutes and read this informative letter to learn more about this unique opportunity that has been extended to you.

Rotary International is a service organization established for professionals within communities to come together to share ideas, resources, and talents. Rotary is recognized for many notable members as well as projects worldwide. With a membership of over 1.2 million men and women, Rotarians are involved with projects including the eradication of Polio, donations of educational supplies, scholarships, and many other worthwhile national and international causes.

The Rotary Clubs of Missouri participate in these great efforts. Rotary supports many student-focused programs including "Student of the Month" and "Student of the Year" recognition, Interact Clubs (Jr. Rotary Club) in some participating high schools, as well as scholarship contributions. RYLA is part of our enduring student tradition.

RYLA is an annual summer leadership academic academy, facilitated by qualified educational professionals and Rotarians, established over 18 years ago. Students selected to apply are usually incoming or outgoing high school sophomores, recognized by their local high school faculty and/or administration. These students have demonstrated the qualities that Rotary works to build...leadership capabilities, involvement in their educational community, or a commitment to service. We commend you. To be asked to apply is a compliment to you as an individual.

We encourage you to apply, submitting your application to your local Rotary Club well before the cut off date of March 1st, 2010. Please be aware of the requirements or qualifications of your sponsoring Club. Good luck with your application, and congratulation on your nomination. Keep up your good work. For any questions, contact your local Rotary club.

Valerie Anderson, Director
Missouri RYLA Academy

Guidelines for Rotary Clubs Sponsoring Students to Attend the Missouri RYLA Academy

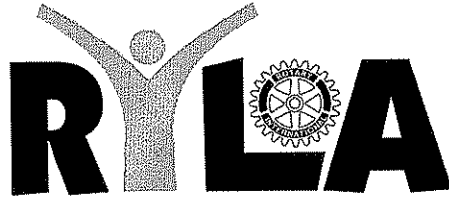
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1. Each of the three districts is allocated 35 openings for students from their districts, until such time as the RYLA Academy is able to accommodate more than 100 students in a single statewide camp.
2. Until a district's allocation of 35 students is filled, each Rotary club in that district will be limited to one student participant. If a district's allocation of 35 students is not filled with the initial round of timely submitted applications (i.e., fewer than 35 Rotary clubs nominate a student), the clubs' # 2 ranked students would be selected, and then the # 3 ranked students, etc. until the district's allocation is filled. **Accordingly, Rotary clubs wishing to sponsor more than one RYLA student should rank their students in the preferred order of selection.**
3. If the Rotary clubs in a district have not submitted enough applications for students to fill the district's allocation of 35 students, additional students will be selected from the other two districts on an equal basis. The additional students will be selected on the basis of the time of receipt of the applications by the Administrative Director (i.e., the earliest received).
4. In the event more than 35 clubs in a district submit applications for students, participants will be selected on the basis of the time of receipt of the applications by the Administrative Director (i.e., the earliest received). If the allocations for other district(s) are not filled, the excess students in the district submitting more than 35 applications would then be accepted on the basis of the earliest received.
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Each year, there are several questions regarding the best method for choosing participants to attend the Missouri RYLA Academy—the “how-to” of selecting the right type of students

We have found over the years that the caliber of students selected by the local sponsoring clubs sets the overall tone of the academy. Selecting the best students is KEY to the success of the program each year.

The primary goal of the RYLA Academy is to teach students how to develop and administer a quality service project, following the Rotarian guiding core values. We want to work with students who have hearts and minds focused on service. We would like students who desire to be there, who will participate fully, and come home from the Academy ready to serve.

While we leave the participant selection process up to each local sponsoring club, we have some suggestions for student selection.

Many clubs choose to only have one student apply, someone chosen from a Rotarian family or someone familiar from their local community. Others have several students apply, perhaps those nominated by the local high school faculty. Many of these students go through an interview process with the local club as well.

You are welcome to send as many participants as your club is financially able to sponsor. There is no grade point requirement, and no restrictions for Rotarian children or grandchildren.

We ask that you take some time and thought to the student your club selects and sends to participate. We have an outstanding program and space is limited. Please adhere to the application deadlines.

Please contact for any concerns or comments: Valerie Anderson, Director
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