



Recommended Candidate Selection Process

1. If you have not already done so, please submit your club's Club Commitment Form with a check for \$350 per delegate made payable to District 6960 and send to David Seitz.
2. Work with your Interact Counselor and Interact Student Board to organize a RYLA Selection Committee. You may need two or three selection meetings depending on the number of applications you receive. Make the selection process competitive.
3. If your club is sponsoring an Out-Bound Youth Exchange Student, we highly recommend you include this student as one of your candidates.
4. You may want to consider applicants related to Rotarians in your club, or members of other student programs.
5. Work with your Interact Club President and Counselor to distribute the RYLA the tri-fold brochure and Candidate Application. Arrange to collect all completed applications.
6. Once all completed applications have been collected, contact each applicant with the date, time and place for each scheduled interview.
7. When contacting students, remember they likely do not read e-mail. **Text** each applicant to inform them they have an important e-mail regarding RYLA.
8. Conduct the interview privately with each applicant. This generally takes about 15 to 20 minutes. Sample interview questions are attached.
9. While applicants are being interviewed, assign a couple of Rotarians to educate parents about **RYLA** and Rotary. Invite them to a Rotary Meeting.
10. Depending on the number of applicants your club is sponsoring, we recommend you select at least one alternate for each two primary candidates. Alternates are important to ensure your club's participation in RYLA, in case a primary candidate is unable to attend.

Contact Tom Norton – 941.284.9684 or David Seitz -239.728.1591 with any questions.