

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Sarah Black - RYLA Chair

RYLA continues to be an intense leadership training program to develop and / enhance leadership skills in youth. Participants must be in good standing and generally have completed their high school junior year. The clubs sponsor the participants by providing scholarships which this year would have been \$350 for three and a half days of active learning, training, team building, and developing relationships.

As of now the current program has reached the age of sixteen. So RYLA participants this year would have just been born when District 7360 RYLA began. So the question is: Have any changes occurred in your life in the last 16 years?????

It's time to re-imagine RYLA. Issues prompting change are:

- New, developing youth leadership programs from other sources
- Youth safety and security
- Relevant material and training
- Overnight accommodations
- Necessary number of counselors / facilitators

Plans for RYLA now include

- Four or five Saturdays – one per month – for four or five months
- Requirement to attend at least three or four sessions to be awarded a certificate of graduation
- Materials and presentation style relevant to today's youth
- District 7360 sectioned into east, central, and west to make it easier for travel

We will be grateful for your support:

- **Location with a couple of instructional rooms for about 20 each**
- **Lunch facility for 40-50 participants and staff**
- **External business professionals to present on various topics**

Want to be part of RYLA history? Contact RYLA Chair, Sarah Black

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