



District 7770

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Participant Code of Conduct and Procedures

You have been selected for this Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program because you have been identified as a leader. This program will enhance your personal abilities and give you the opportunity to meet and share ideas with other leaders. Our speakers, activities, and discussion groups will provide you with many positive and helpful approaches to personal growth.

Rotarians are looking forward to sharing the RYLA experience with you. Please attend all assigned activities.

While we require your acknowledgement of this Code of Conduct, as leaders, we are confident that you will behave in a manner your parents and sponsoring Rotarians would be proud of. Should any participant's conduct be considered unacceptable at any time by RYLA officials, that participant's parents/guardians will be contacted immediately to remove them from the Program.

We want the next RYLA to be welcome at Charleston Southern University. Please leave the facilities and grounds as clean as when you arrived. Follow the requests of staff, report damage or breakage immediately to your Small Group Leader.

You are encouraged to approach all Rotarians or staff for assistance at all times.

Procedures and Rules

General:

1. You have made a commitment to attend RYLA from Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon, May 12-13, 2023. If a conflict arises, and you can't attend the entire program, contact your sponsoring Rotary Club immediately per RYLA Cancellation Policy.
2. Transportation is NOT provided to or from the Program. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements with Parents/Guardians, or alternatively with their sponsor Rotary Clubs.
3. Help us maintain security at RYLA by wearing your nametag at all times.
4. If any person is injured or becomes ill, do not move him/her. Immediately contact your Small Group Leader, Rotarians, CSU staff, or call 911 if appropriate.
5. If you take medications, whether prescribed or "over-the-counter", each participant is responsible for retaining and securing medications in original containers and consuming only as prescribed.
6. Tobacco, alcoholic beverages, dating, and illegal drugs are not permitted at RYLA. A single violation will lead to dismissal from the Program.
7. Remain on site in designated areas. Do not leave the CSU Campus.
- 8. Use of cell phones and other electronic devices for texting and voice conversations is not permitted during meetings, activities, or presentations. If used inappropriately, they will be confiscated until the end of the day.**
9. Treat everyone with respect. Discriminatory, foul, or abusive language, physical violence or threats, or sexual or lewd misconduct will not be tolerated. These behaviors will result in removal from the Program.
10. Any Participant that is removed from the Program for non-compliance with the Code of Conduct, will be responsible for reimbursing the sponsoring Rotary Club for the sponsorship fee that was paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club.

Accommodation:

1. You will be assigned to a room with other participants. Select your bed and stow your personal gear in the space provided. Respect each other’s belongings and space.
2. Lock your room at all times.
3. You will not be able to return to your room except at specific times in the schedule.
4. Be in your room by the time you are instructed by RYLA leaders and please be respectful of your roommate.
5. Remain in your room throughout the night.

Small Group:

1. You will be assigned to a small leadership group. A RYLA Staff Member will be your Small Group Leader. You will meet your group in your designated area to participate in discussion groups, meetings and activities as a group throughout the Program.
2. Be on time to all meetings and remain in the meeting according to the schedule.

Dining:

1. Participants are responsible for notifying RYLA staff of any special dietary needs or allergies.

Participation Fee:

1. Participants are required to pay a \$25 participation fee. If you are unable to pay the \$25, please contact your sponsoring club. Fees are due at the time of acceptance.

Student Signature:

The RYLA program is an intensive leadership experience; and thus, **partial attendance is not allowed**. All selected applicants must be certain that full attendance will occur. As the student applicant, by my signature, **I hereby commit to attend the entire District 7770 RYLA Program at Charleston Southern University**. I have read the Code of Conduct and Procedures and agree to honor it.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

As parent/guardian, by my signature, I realize that participation in the RYLA Program is voluntary; and thus, will not hold the sponsoring Rotary Club, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary District 7770, Rotary International, or any RYLA staff people and contractors liable for possible injury or loss that may occur during the program. I am also aware of and agree to comply with the policy of attendance, as stated above **partial attendance is not allowed**. I understand that transportation to and from RYLA at the CSU campus is not provided.

RYLA Cancellation Fee Acknowledgement

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program is funded through sponsorships by local Rotary Club and made possible by hundreds of volunteer hours from Rotarians. Each Rotary Club pays a registration fee, raised in the normal course of fundraising, to fund each Student’s attendance. Since we solicit and collect donations from the public at large, we are obligated to be responsible stewards of these donations. **Our loss of these funds, caused by a student’s failure to attend, requires us to charge a cancellation fee.** A student’s \$25 participation fee is nonrefundable.

Commitment to Reimburse

I, _____, (print Parent/Guardian’s name) hereby commit to reimburse the Rotary Club providing my student’s program fees to attend RYLA if for any reason my student fails to attend or withdraws before any qualified substitute could be found. Any student who cancels after May 1, 2023 will be subject to

this cancellation fee. Prorated reimbursements may be accessed, at the sole discretion of the RYLA committee, should my student arrive late or need to leave the program early.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Things to bring

- A Great Attitude!
- Toiletries, etc.
- Casual, Comfortable Clothes
- Tennis Shoes / Sneakers
- Sunscreen. There will be outdoor activities.
- Photo ID
- Money – All your meals and needs are paid for by your sponsoring Rotary Club and District 7770. You only need to bring a small amount of money for vending machines or other incidental expenses, if you so desire.
- Cell Phone – You may bring a cell phone with you. **However, they must be turned off/silenced and put away during all days' events.**
- Electronic Devices – You may bring personal music devices like CD players, iPods, etc., but these may only be used during your free periods. You will be responsible for their security, if you choose to bring them.

Things NOT to bring

- Anything that may be taken for a weapon (pocket knife, etc.)
- Any potentially dangerous materials (fireworks, an elephant, etc.)
- Distractions. The RYLA program is an intensive leadership experience; and thus, students' full participation and active involvement is necessary.
- Tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs.