



The Rotary Clubs of Kingston, Frontenac & Napanee are hosting the 2018 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) at St. Lawrence College in Kingston on June 8-10, 2018. Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) is a unique opportunity for high school students to gain insight and knowledge in life and leadership skills. The academy features guest leaders, small group problem solving and self reflection which lead to enhanced leadership skills. Based on their academy experience, many graduates change their career objectives or educational plans. Students mix and mingle with other high school students from Quebec, Ontario and Northern New York. This provides them with a unique opportunity to learn about different communities and cultures. They also learn about themselves, their values, as well as having fun. Students come away from the experience having developed a program for implementation in their school or community and many new friendships. The conference takes place at St. Lawrence College in Kingston along the shores of Lake Ontario. Students stay in the college's dorm suites for three days. The program culminates with a graduation and awards ceremony at the college. The age range is 15-17 (currently in grade 10-12).

The Rotary Club of Ottawa-Stittsville will sponsor a student again this year. Candidates should apply by April 9 with email submissions to jas.michalski@rogers.com. The email should include the answers to the following questions:

1. My vision of my leadership role is:
2. My present leadership activities include:

The selected candidate will be invited to attend a Rotary Club meeting before and after RYLA.

WHAT IS RYLA ?

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy is an excellent opportunity to offer to our leaders of the next generation. Each year, thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) program worldwide. Young people chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expenses-paid seminar, camp, or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary clubs and districts select participants and facilitate the event's curriculum.

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth; and
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

The program, sponsored and paid for by Rotary Clubs, is a leadership training program based on the 4 Way Test (1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build good will and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?) including a combination of classroom and experiential examples and exercises intended to teach leadership concepts and ethical behaviour. Outdoors activities and team games are an integral part of the program.

Rotary District 7040 RYLA participants will include students from Eastern Ontario, Southern Quebec and Upstate New York.

RYLA was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, and is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. RYLA programs often lead to the formation or strengthening of Rotaract and Interact clubs. RYLA participants often go on to become Youth Exchange students or Ambassadorial Scholars.

More information can be found on <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50214/Page/ryla>

Thanks,

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