

RYLA 2018

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

THE RULES FOR BEING AMAZING

By Robin Sharma

RISK MORE THAN IS REQUIRED. **LEARN** MORE THAN IS NORMAL.
BE **STRONG.** SHOW **COURAGE.**
BREATHE. EXCEL. LOVE. LEAD.
SPEAK YOUR **TRUTH.** LIVE YOUR VALUES.
LAUGH. CRY. INNOVATE. **SIMPLIFY.**
ADORE **MASTERY.** RELEASE MEDIOCRITY.
AIM FOR **GENIUS.** STAY HUMBLE.
BE KINDER THAN EXPECTED.
DELIVER MORE THAN IS NEEDED.
EXUDE **PASSION.** SHATTER YOUR LIMITS. TRANSCEND YOUR FEARS.
INSPIRE OTHERS BY YOUR BIGNESS.
DREAM BIG BUT **START SMALL.**
ACT NOW. **CHANGE** THE WORLD.
DON'T STOP.

Leadership - Personal Development – Empowerment

Monday 9th July
to
Saturday 14th July

YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge
339 Garrards Lane, Myrniong Victoria

WHO is ELIGIBLE to attend RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership training program for community minded youth. Young people from 18 to 30 are chosen for their leadership potential to attend an all-expenses-paid seminar to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

WHAT HAPPENS AT RYLA?

Young people discuss issues of professional responsibility, human relations, leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses and institutions, and meet Rotarians and other community leaders while having fun and making friends. The program incorporates a range of seminars and workshops as well as many indoor and outdoor team and skill building activities. Participants are empowered to step out of their comfort zones, challenge themselves and realise their potential.



TOPICS covered include

- Fundamentals and ethics of positive leadership
- Communication skills
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Team work and group roles
- Rotary's purpose and service to the community
- Building self-confidence and self-esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship

RYLA OBJECTIVES

- Create a supportive and open environment in which participants can assist each other in their development
- Encourage youth to challenge themselves and step out of their comfort zones
- Facilitate the development of leadership, personal and professional skills through practice, discussion and mentorship
- Provide an opportunity to network
- Create a greater awareness of factors to consider when interacting with others
- Create awareness of community programs
- Promote Rotary's purpose and services to the community

TESTIMONIALS

“RYLA is a leadership camp like no other. It is the perfect environment to learn not only about leadership, but about life. I recommend it to everyone I know”

“I thought RYLA would teach me some leadership skills. Instead it taught me that in order to lead others I must first know myself. Truly an amazing, life-changing experience and friendships to last a lifetime”

“Awesome; best camp ever; thank you so much, you have changed my life.”

“To have people change dramatically, be enthused and ready to lead is fantastic.”

“Such a supportive environment with an incredibly genuine bunch of people made the experience amazing, I've learnt so much that I can use to create an amazing life.”

“This was a once in a lifetime experience which has definitely helped change who I am and who I hope to become, RYLA has changed my outlook on life and given me some amazing friendships and memories, my quote for the week - 'the world is not full of strangers but friends waiting to be made' - I started making them here at RYLA”



“Best week of my life to date.”

“Getting to know people from so many different backgrounds that I would never have even talked to if it weren't for RYLA.”

“Great and relevant presentations, awesome people groups and leaders, activities rocked.”

“Empowerment; support, encouragement, non-judgmental, smiling, caring people.”

“RYLA was an opportunity to grow and find strengths I didn't know I had. It's a great opportunity to meet like minded people.”

“RYLA is an experience that has to be lived. It takes a week out of your life, to give you a lifetime of knowledge, experience and friendship. RYLA allows a group of people with similar goals and perspectives to come together and utilise each other's experiences, knowledge and contacts. RYLA is a stepping stone in life, giving you tools to be able to succeed in whatever goals you set yourself”

APPLICATONS and more INFORMATION

An application form and more information can be found at:

<http://applications.ryla9810.org.au>

Also see the District 9810 RYLA Facebook Page
(Search Facebook for 'Rotary District 9810 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)')

Contact

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Information for Rotary Clubs

Cost: \$850 to sponsor a candidate

Candidate Selection Criteria

In general, all young adults nominated to attend a RYLA should have demonstrated leadership potential within their communities. Successful candidates for RYLA meet some or all of the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated leadership experience or potential
- A cooperative nature and willingness to participate in a group
- An awareness of current events and international issues
- Strong communication skills
- Good performance in school or work
- Enthusiasm for sharing newfound skills with others
- Proven dedication to community service

Where to find candidates*:

- Rotarian families, friends and businesses; Small businesses unable to afford leadership development programs for their young people.
- Former participants of RYLA and other Youth programs such as Youth Exchange, MUNA, RYPEN, NYSF and Summer Science Experience
- Local Council and Youth Consultative or Development Committees
- Year 12 Students (must be 18 years old by 9th July 2018)
- Universities and TAFE
- Youth Groups: Rotaract, Scouts, Ventures, Guides, church groups, sporting groups, surf life saving clubs, swimming pool life guards, dancing teachers etc

****Want to sponsor a candidate but cannot find a candidate?*** The RYLA Leadership Team may be able to assist. Contact the RYLA Chairperson for more information.

