



## **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**

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Did you know that the three Rotary Clubs of Juneau award annual scholarships to deserving High School students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program each year?

As one of the adult leaders of this program for the past several years, I have been very impressed with the program and the results in our Juneau students. This intense 4-day experience has made quite a difference in the lives of several Juneau students. The training includes modules on team building, communications, joint problem solving, motivation, and many others.

This year's training is from:  
Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The training is held on Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage but has no connection with the U.S. military. Elmendorf is gracious enough to provide us hotel space and training rooms at a reduced cost. Rotarians who have experience in Leadership Training help to put on the event, which usually has a program size of about 65 students from Alaska and the Yukon.

Sophomores and Juniors are eligible for this scholarship which consists of airfare, lodging, food, and activity fees. Students will be chaperoned by Rotarians from the Juneau Airport to the training and return with them back to Juneau.

If you are a student who is looking to develop your leadership potential (or know of one), apply for the program. It's a great opportunity, don't miss out.

Hardcopy applications can be picked up from the High School points of contact listed below. Electronic forms can be downloaded at:

<http://www.juneaugastineaurotary.org>

Applications are to be turned in to:

- Counselors offices at JDHS
- or
- Dinah Hobson at Yakoosge

**DEADLINE: 4:00 PM ON FRIDAY, FEB 22nd**

If you have questions that can't be answered in the attached materials, please contact Rotarian Pam Johansen at 586-0397 or Carl Ferlauto at 463-4915



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## **What to expect:**

### **RYLA's Core Curriculum:**

Every RYLA includes the following topics:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Problem-solving and conflict management
- Rotary's purpose and service to the community
- Building self confidence and self-esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship

**RYLA Seminars:** Awardees attending the RYLA seminars can expect to further develop their personal and leadership skills in the following key areas:

- **Communication Skills:** Participants will have the opportunity to: - develop interpersonal skills - communicate, listen and write more effectively - engage in some form of public speaking in a warm, supportive environment
- **Personal Qualities:** Participants will have the opportunities to: - identify the various types of personality - help people to get along with each other - manage their own time more effectively - avoid stressful situations - plan for healthier living
- **Leadership:** Participants will have the opportunity to: - identify the characteristics of effective leaders - become aware of the various styles of leadership - observe effective leaders operating in a meeting situation
- **Problem Solving Strategies:** Participants will have the opportunity to: - brainstorm and think creatively - engage in practical problem -solving and decision -making activities - use a problem solving model in a practical situation

### **RYLA Trainers:**

During this intensive weekend training, you will be led by a mix of experienced Rotarian volunteers, professional trainers, RYLA alumni selected to assist, and Rotaract personnel. One of the criteria for being a Rotarian is to be in a leadership positions within their respective organizations. As such, they can offer real-world input and examples into the training.

### **Elmendorf Air Force Base:**

Because the training is being held on Elmendorf, some people think that RYLA is somehow tied in with the military. It is not. The Air Force is familiar with RYLA and has provided facilities for training and lodging for many years. RYLA is 100% a Rotary program and is not tied in with the military in any way.



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### **A Quick Look at RYLA**

- A weekend totally excluded from all distractions. You are here to experience something unique. Take advantage of the opportunity.
- A weekend where participants talk one-on-one with experienced professionals, and community leaders about current issues facing future leaders.
- A weekend where new friends meet and work through a set of challenges to stretch leadership skills to new heights. You will get to develop skills you didn't know you had.
- You get to interact with a group of peers, some of whom will be able to offer you perspectives you have never heard.
- You will work...but also have plenty of fun. RYLA opens doors and opportunities that can really help you and help your community. Don't stay on the sidelines...jump right in and get involved.
- RYLA is just a weekend -- but it creates a lifetime of memories.