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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

9th - 11th Grade Students

SCHOLARSHIP

Rotary Youth
Leadership Awards

Current 9th-11th
Grade Students

2026 RYLA in the Rockies Leadership Awards

RYLA is a three-day leadership retreat for current 9th, 10th and 11th-grade students. RYLA teaches the importance of positivity, confidence, and leadership. The techniques and tools learned will help achieve to become a dynamic leader in their school and community

The Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club is seeking to provide students who live within D38-Monument boundaries (PRHS, LPHS, MA, etc., and homeschooled) an opportunity to discover their dynamic leadership potential through the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Experience.

SCAN QR or GOTO Website for application and more info.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: April 13, 2026 (11:59PM)

JUNE 12-15, 2026

**GOLDEN BELL
CONFERENCE CENTER**

Divide, CO



<https://tlrotary.com/Page/Ryla>

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Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Application

*****Application deadline is April 13, 2026 *****

Dates of RYLA 2026:

- June 12-June 15, 2026
- Location: Golden Bell Conference Center, Divide, CO

Attendees: Approximately 60 young leaders from high schools in Southern Colorado.

Selection process: Participants must be currently in the 9th or 11th grade. Final selections will be made by a committee of Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club members.

INSTRUCTIONS (Complete an Essay and the required Student Information):

1. Required Essay or Video (Pick one):

- Write a typed essay (200-250 words) on "Why I Want To Attend the 2026 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards". Save essay as PDF format.
- Send a video (3-5 minutes) that you created on "Why I Want To Attend the 2026 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards".

2. Complete the Student Information Form and submit essay/video online.

- <https://tlrotary.com/SitePage/ryla-scholarship> or scan QR



3. Complete Interview

Interviews of Applicants will take place in-person/Zoom at a location in the Tri-Lakes area April 14-April 20th, **2026** You will be contacted with the final interview date/time.

Interested?

Submit your completed application (Essay and Student Information form) online.

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Questions? Please email Monica Cunningham and Steve Eaton at:
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What is RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) helps high school students develop leadership skills through hands-on experiences and team-building activities. Rotary District 5470 will hold its 2026 RYLA retreat from June 12–15 at the Golden Bell Camp Conference Center in Divide, Colorado.

What Happens at the Leadership Retreat Weekend? The RYLA Retreat weekend provides a series of professionally developed presentations and activities that takes participants through a process of assessing their personal leadership characteristics and behavioral styles and understanding the ethics of leadership and setting personal goals. The activities also focus on building interpersonal skills by asking participants to work effectively with diverse peers to resolve conflict and to build consensus through collaboration. There will be many hands-on activities in addition to some traditional classroom style training throughout the event.

How much does RYLA Cost? *RYLA is free to all participating students.* The RYLA program is sponsored by the various Rotary Clubs and local businesses from around District 5470. If you are willing to sponsor a scholarship, please let your local Rotary Club know. **Scholarships are valued at ~\$500 each.**

How are students selected to participate? Students are competitively selected by their local Rotary Club and awarded the opportunity to attend based upon their academic, extracurricular and service-based accomplishments. Nomination forms/Applications can be downloaded from the District website for Rotary District 5470 and are provided by Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club.

Who should attend RYLA? RYLA is designed to take students who have already shown a commitment to excellence and service, to the next level of leadership capacity. Successful applicants are in good standing at school and are actively involved with clubs, sports teams, or community groups.

What else is RYLA? The RYLA program is an opportunity to meet other kids and to build friendships with fellow student leaders from around the state, as well as getting to know the Rotarian leaders in your community. Rotary is based on a foundation that Fellowship and Goodwill creates opportunities for service that will make our communities and the world a better place. An important part of RYLA is building these relationships – and most clubs will meet with students 2-3 times after the retreat to follow-up on what was learned at the retreat and how to apply that leadership in school, family, and friends. *Tri-Lakes RYLA participants will present their experiences at a Tri-Lakes Rotary Club meeting.*

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Questions?

TLDRC's RYLA Coordinators ((Monica Cunningham, Steve Eaton))

Please email us at Trilakesrotary.youthprograms@gmail.com or visit our [website](http://www.TLRotary.com).



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

is an intensive training program for young adults, ages 14-30. RYLAs come in many forms but are usually seminars, camps, or workshops held over 3-10 days. RYLAs are organized by Rotarians.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Rotary club members provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.



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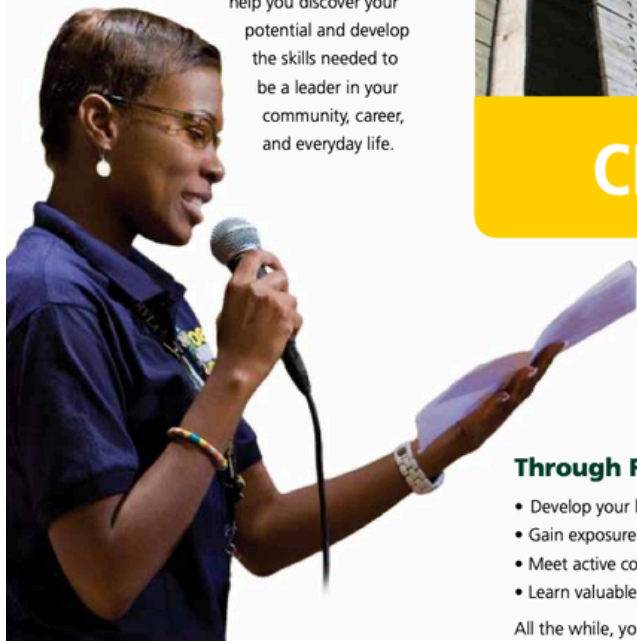
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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS



A Chance to LEAD

RYLAs are designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. Whether you are a secondary school student, university student, or young professional, RYLA will help you discover your potential and develop the skills needed to be a leader in your community, career, and everyday life.



Interested?

RYLA participants are usually nominated by local Rotary clubs, which often cover all expenses associated with the program. If you'd like to learn more about the RYLA program, contact your local Rotary club or ryla@rotary.org for details.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF



Through RYLA, you can

- Develop your leadership skills and character
- Gain exposure to a variety of issues and people
- Meet active community leaders
- Learn valuable information and career skills

All the while, you'll also have fun, build friendships,

