The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for high school students. It is a fantastic opportunity for youth in our community to develop their leadership skills and to learn more about themselves. They will join a group of other young leaders from across our region and build their own networks of like-minded youth. Arrival starts on Friday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. and the program ends on Sunday April 22 at 11:30am. Program is paid for and travel arranged by the sponsoring Rotary Club (Rotary Club of Barrie)

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO** **larry.pomfret@rogers.com** **BY FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

**If you have a résumé of work and volunteer experience, please attach that as well.**

**If you have questions, please call or text Eric Dean at 705-794-6421**

Name of Student Applicant:

Name of School: Grade:

Address:

Phone: Home: Cell:

Email Address:

Age: Birth Date: Gender ( ) \_\_\_ T- Shirt Size:

**In Case of Emergency, Call:**

Name (First & Last):

Relationship to Applicant:

Phone: Home: Cell:

List any required medications and medical conditions or dietary restrictions:

**Application Questionnaire (please answer in the space below or attach additional paper as needed)**

**See letter and resume attached.**

1. Why do you want to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)?

2. Please list current or recent leadership positions you have held:

3. How do you feel the RYLA experience will benefit you as an individual? As a leader?

4. Please list awards (school/civic) that you have received:

5. What extracurricular activities do you participate in?

6. What future goals would you like to pursue following high school?

7. What three words would you use to describe yourself and your leadership style?

**What is RYLA?**

Rotarians recognize that today's youth will become tomorrow's leaders. Preparing these future leaders is a significant task. The Rotary  Youth Leadership Awards program was formally adopted by Rotary International in 1971 and gives the opportunity for youth leaders in our communities to come together to further their leadership skills.

Rotary Clubs in District 7010 annually select and sponsor young people to participate in a weekend leadership training workshop. The "award" is the opportunity to participate in a hands-on, active, and fun weekend. Leadership skills will be developed through challenges involving team work and problem solving and developing a better understanding of one-self will be explored. Recreational programs such as campfires and a coffee house add to the fun.

**RYLA** aims to:

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

**RYLA** provides young people an opportunity to expand their horizons by:

* Developing leadership skills
* Increasing self-confidence
* Gaining exposure to a variety of issues and people
* Making new friends
* Obtaining career information and skills

**RYLA** participants are exposed to values that Rotarians deem essential for those who hold leadership roles:
\* Ethical behaviour
\* Integrity of character
\* Commitment to community service

**Some comments from previous RYLA weekends:**

"It was an amazing weekend. You learn so much about yourself; what it really means to be a leader and what it takes."

"This weekend was enriching and I learned a lot of life skills to take with me."

"I learned about my behavioural style - how I can interact with others; how others that aren't my style behave; how to work with others."

"It was an amazing experience. I was impressed with every aspect of the camp. The grounds were beautiful, the food delicious, and every workshop was well worth waking up at 7am to be ready for them."