

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2010

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February 25, 2010

Dear Club President and Club RYLA Rep:

Please find enclosed the **RYLA Rep Tool Kit, Club Commitment Form, Teen Application, & 2010 RYLA FAQs.**

If you find the RYLA Rep Tool Kit too overwhelming you are welcome to contact Liz Jones via her email at registration@ryla5010.org or phone 907-617-2404.

The cost is \$275 per teen participant and \$150.00 per each club chaperone. **The recruitment period is March. 5- March. 25th.** We encourage Club RYLA Reps to arrange a meeting no later than March 10th at the high school, and have past RYLA alumni help you make recruitment pitch for peers to attend. Try to collect **Teen Application** at that time. Forms can also be left with counselors, teachers and other school resource personnel who can assist you identifying and recruiting eligible youth.

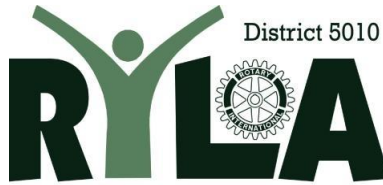
After review of these documents, please take a moment complete and return the **The Club Commitment Form**. You can go onto our website and fill out the form www.5010ryla.org or fax the form to 866-654-6272 and then mail your check to: RYLA District Treasurer • 3378 Spruce Cape Road • Kodiak Alaska 99615. Note, it would be helpful if you could first fax the form and then mail the form with your check to our RYLA District Treasure who lives in Kodiak. RYLA will be held in Juneau.

Note that each club may send up to 2 youth participants. It is appreciated if you can send payment (\$275 per participant you will sponsor) the day you complete your commitment form. **Note that after the March 25rd application deadline, the cost will be increased to \$300 per applicant.**

Interested teens must send their completed application, **RYLA 2010 Teen Application** to you - **so please make sure your name and contact information is on all forms you send out.** After you screen each application and go through the interview process, you will forward your selections to the RYLA Registrar.

All applications should contain a letter/essay from the participant answering the questions on the Teen Application explaining why they would like to attend RYLA and what they feel they can contribute.

We emphasize that RYLA is for ANY young person in grade 10-11, and we would like to focus on **youth who are great teens with great potential, and who are likely to benefit the most from participation.** Please look beyond class presidents/officers and valedictorians who



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often have already participated in an array of leadership opportunities. Participants chosen should reflect the diversity of race and cultures from your local community.

Inbound Youth Exchange are not eligible to attend. However, if no other eligible local youth apply, you may send a Rebound Youth Exchange student. The current organizing committee does not have the authority to change this rule as it is a decision of the District Committee. If you have questions about inbound YE attending - you should speak to RYLA District Chair, Victoria Shaver at (907) 884-9131 or info@RYLA5010.org.

If your club has more than two eligible applicants, please inform the RYLA Registrar. If after the March 25th application deadline we do not have the 70 slots filled, we may be able to accept additional applicants from clubs.

All applications are to be screened and interviewed by the Club RYLA Rep to ensure all eligibility requirements are met. Applicants must be a sophomore (10th grade) or junior (11th grade). Note: rebound students and RYLA alumni must still be in school.

As the RYLA Rep, you will want to assemble a small group of Rotarians from your club to meet and interview the applicants before making the final selection of who you will send to RYLA. Once selected, the applicants can be asked to complete the **Medical Information** and **Power of Attorney** forms. Please do not send these forms out with the application.

Participant Forms and travel forms must be postmarked by clubs (or faxed) no later than April 9th, 2010.

Sincerely,

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