



**18<sup>th</sup> Annual District 6860  
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program  
February 15-17, 2024  
U.S. Space and Rocket Center  
Huntsville, Alabama**

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program is an intensive leadership training program for high school students. The basics of the RYLA Program are discussed below. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your local Rotary Club.

**Deadline | Application Dates:**

2024 RYLA Registration will open on Monday, October 2, 2023. The **hard deadline** for students to apply to this year's RYLA conference is **December 15, 2023**.

Once an application is received and approved, it will then be forwarded to U.S. Space and Rocket Center for final processing. USSRC will email a link to the designated parent/guardian in order to complete the online registration and student health information. The turnaround time may take several weeks.

**What:**

RYLA 2024 is a program sponsored by Rotary International; and conducted by the Local Rotary Districts on a regional basis. Rotary District 6860 and the Rotary Clubs of Huntsville, Greater Huntsville, Madison, Madison Evening, and the Rotaract of Huntsville, plan and conduct the annual North Alabama RYLA Program in partnership with the US Space and Rocket Center. Individual Rotary Clubs solicit applicants and select those they wish to sponsor. The three-day program consists of lectures and discussions with skilled and prominent leaders, group and team building activities, leadership training, fellowship, good food, and of course a MINI-SPACE CAMP!

**Who:**

Accomplished high school sophomores, junior and senior students may apply and be considered. Participants are selected on the basis of their academic achievements, school and community service activities, hobbies and recreational interests, and other meaningful accomplishments. A short paragraph expressing their motivation about, "Why I want to attend RYLA" is also required. Neatness, accuracy, and meeting the deadline are critical.

Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville is pleased to sponsor six (6) individuals. Slots fill up quickly, submit your application soon!

**Where:**

RYLA 2024 will take place at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Students will stay at the center in "camp-type" housing with 24-hour supervision provided by staff counselors.

**When:**

February 15-17, 2024. Participants are to arrive on Thursday late afternoon for check-in and depart Saturday afternoon. Scheduled arrival and departure times are still to be determined. During the program days, students will focus on leadership training, team building, and learning about the values of Rotary. The program will also include a "Mini-Space Camp". **It is mandatory that students stay for the full Program. No exceptions!**

**Why:**

RYLA offers young future leaders an opportunity to meet in an exciting setting to share fellowship, develop leadership skills and learn decision making skills based on the Rotary Four-Way Test: **1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair for all concerned? 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

**Cost:**

There are no fees for the student. The registration fee will be paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club. The cost to attend is \$375 per student.

**Questions | Application Submission:**

To apply, download the application at <https://greaterhsv.com/what-we-do/ryla> and submit the application to the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville RYLA Coordinator, Beth Brooks at [tbrooks@bellsouth.net](mailto:tbrooks@bellsouth.net)  
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