



**15th Annual District 6860
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program
March 4-6, 2021
U.S. Space and Rocket Center
Huntsville, Alabama**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for considering allowing your child to participate in RYLA 2021. The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program is an intensive leadership training program for high school students. The basics of the program are discussed below. If you have additional questions or concerns, the RYLA Coordinator named on page one of the formal application is available by phone or email. Additional information is provided at the Rotary website link:

What: RYLA 2021 is a program sponsored by Rotary International, and conducted by the Local Rotary District on a regional basis. Rotary District 6860 and the Rotary Clubs of Huntsville, Greater Huntsville and Madison and the Rotaract Club 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 sophomore, junior and senior students may apply and be considered. Participants are selected on the basis of their academic achievements, school and community service activities, their hobbies and recreational interests and a short paragraph about, "Why I want to attend RYLA". Neatness and accuracy matter. The sponsoring Rotary Club will select those who attend. The selected students should not have previously attended RYLA. Rotary members will be present throughout the weekend along with well trained employees and counselors of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center to supervise.

Where: RYLA 2021 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. Visit www.spacecamp.com to view all that U.S. Space and Rocket Center offers.

When: March 4-6, 2021. Participants are to arrive on Thursday afternoon for check-in, registration time TBD (follow up with more details prior to event) and depart Saturday afternoon following the graduation ceremony, time of graduation TBD. Thursday evening and Friday, students will focus on leadership training, team building and Rotary information. Saturday consists of "Mini-Space Camp", Rotary information and feedback, followed by the graduation ceremony at the Davidson Center Auditorium. **Full attendance is mandatory for all scholars.**

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:

Is it the truth?
Is it fair for all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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Please check your child's schedule carefully before signing this application. RYLA is a three-day commitment and all students are expected to attend all sessions. When your Rotary Club agrees to sponsor your child, they agree to pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$275.00.

COST:

There are no fees for the applicant. All costs for RYLA are paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club.

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