RotaryYouth Leadership Awards

**Rotary District 6900**

**Georgia Southwestern State University**

**Americus, Georgia**

**June 20-23, 2015**

**Applications due April 1, 2015**

**What is RYLA?** RYLA is an award that consists of sponsored attendance for selected student leaders at an intense leadership conference for four days. Through the granting of RYLA, a number of young people from different social and educational backgrounds, religions and assorted activities are brought together to work, learn, and discuss the problems of their generation.The purpose of RYLA is three-fold:

1. To further demonstrate Rotary’s respect and concern for youth.
2. To encourage, assist, and train selected youth leaders, and **potential youth leaders**, in responsible, effective leadership.
3. To publicly recognize the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

The Rotary Club of Alpharetta is accepting applications for **rising juniors** to receive a Rotary Youth Leadership Award and attend the RYLA Conference. Awardees will be carefully selected on the basis of character, leadership qualities, general education, personality, and leadership potential. From among applicants, Rotary will accept up to three candidates who will reflect credit on Rotary and their community.

The 2015 RYLA Conference will begin with check-in at 12:00 pm on Saturday, June 20 and will conclude on Tuesday, June 23 at 1:00pm. Transportation will be available by bus from Atlanta. Students will be involved in team building and leadership skills on the ropes course at Georgia Southwestern and various other activities, as well as working with an outstanding staff of counselors and speakers. The conference will not be all work. Time has been allocated for social activities such as a group picnic and a talent show. Participants will receive a detailed outline of the conference’s agenda in their registration packet.

###### The Value of RYLA

RYLA enables every Rotary Club to acknowledge the service to the community of young people, and is a complimentary program to other Rotary youth activities.

RYLA excites young leaders and provides them with improved techniques, which are brought back to their community.

RYLA diverts public attention from delinquent elements to those who are willing to serve, thus giving more responsible young people much needed encouragement.

RYLA helps bridge the communications gap between generations and improve relationships with young

groups, families, and communities.

**Application**

**For a RYLA award from the Alpharetta Rotary Club**

NAME: Sex: M or F

PARENT/GUARDIANS’ NAMES:

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

HOME PHONE: CELL PHONE: DOB:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS:

DATE OF BIRTH: TSHIRT SIZE:

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: GRADUATION DATE:

GPA:

**ACTIVITIES:** List ALL extracurricular, community service, scouting, church, or other activities. PLEASE spell out/explain acronyms so we know what they are. List those activities where you held leadership positions at the top.

 # of hours/week list yrs. participated ACTIVITY OFFICES HELD involved

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**  List ALL of the academic, athletic and extracurricular awards or honors you have received during junior high and high school. If you have received any community, religious, scouting, employment, or other awards, be sure to include those as well.

 AWARD/HONOR What grade were you in when you won it?

INTERESTS, HOBBIES, TALENTS: List ALL interests, hobbies, talents that you may have.

I certify that this information is accurate, that my parents know that I am submitting this application and that I can attend the RYLA conference if selected.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All Applications should be submitted to Mary Ulich at marulich@aol.com by March 31, 2015.