

RYLA Scholarship Program

Project Description and Purpose

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program (RYLA) is a leadership program where students from our Rotaract Club at Newark Charter and Aspira Academy are selected to participate in a weekend training program usually held in Ocean City, MD on Presidents Day weekend. The program gives participants a chance to meet new friends, have fun and above all how to improve their leadership skills. The club usually provides up to 4 scholarships. This is a Districtwide project.

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Time frame

October-January

Steps

Upon notification by the District that the RYLA program has started, the District provides all the forms such as applications, various parental releases and due dates. The District will want payment in advance of the selection of RYLA participants. Just coordinate with the club treasurer.

- Contact the teachers to arrange a time to meet with the class to provide a brief overview of the RYLA program and answer any questions students might have. If students are interested in participating, have them contact the teacher for an application. Usually takes 15-20 minutes for the presentation. October time frame.
- Have interested students complete a RYLA application and forward to the teacher and RYLA Chair. You can communicate directly with the student but always copy the teacher on any communications with students.
- Conduct student interviews to determine most viable candidates. The interviews can individual or group depending on the number of candidates.
- In collaboration with the teacher select and notify RYLA awardees.
- Obtain all the releases from the students. All releases must be signed by the parent and forwarded to the District contact.

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