



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards of Rotary International District 7255 aims to explore and expand the leadership potential of the students all across Long Island, Queens, and Brooklyn. We strive to instill lessons of leadership through our week-long and weekend retreats. Through teamwork, our students learn about the importance of working with others. Through interpersonal development, we provide our students access to resources that allow them to step out of their comfort zones. Our trainings provide students with transferable skills that can aid them in their pursuit of employment or higher education. RYLA Alumni often see countless successes in their future, many attending continuing on to attend prestigious universities and achieve extraordinary feats. Most importantly, we are proud to work with such bright, and talented students who are the true leaders of tomorrow through our three major conferences and various events!

HOW DOES RYLA WORK?

RYLA DISTRICT 7255 IS A YOUTH-LED PROGRAM POWERED BY A DEDICATED YOUTH COMMITTEE OF HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS WHO PLAN RETREATS, TRAIN FACILITATORS, AND RUN THE SPRING CONFERENCE. SUPPORTED BY AN ADULT COMMITTEE, THEY ENSURE RYLA'S GROWTH AND IMPACT. TOGETHER, THE RYLA COMMITTEE GUIDES STUDENTS ON TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP JOURNEYS, WITH ALUMNI ATTENDING TOP UNIVERSITIES, SUCH AS YALE AND PRINCETON, AND SPARKING CHANGE IN THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

ADULT COMMITTEE



Be on the look out! Our 2025-2026 Youth Committee will be revealed via the RYLA 7255 Instagram, starting June 1.

PAST YOUTH COMMITTEES



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

RYLA OFFERS A UNIQUE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SELECT APPLICANTS INTERESTED IN ASSUMING SUCH A ROLE. THE FACILITATOR YEAR-AS ITS TITLED-ALLOWS RYLARIANS TO APPLY THEIR SKILLS IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE AT SPRING RYLA WHILE RECEIVING MENTORSHIP. TO BE CONSIDERED, APPLICANTS MUST SHOW STRONG ENGAGEMENT-TYPICALLY THROUGH ATTENDING THE SUMMER AND/OR FALL CONFERENCE-AND COMPLETE AN APPLICATION. FACILITATORS STAND OUT TO COLLEGES AS DEDICATED STUDENT LEADERS AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



MAJOR CONFERENCES

SPRING RYLA

Each year, sophomores are invited to apply for our Spring RYLA Conference, where they'll explore their leadership potential through a weekend of engaging, student-centered programming. Rooted in Rotary's 5 Guiding Principles: leadership, service, diversity, integrity, and fellowship, Spring RYLA is often just the beginning. RYLarians can continue growing through our year-round programs, joining a vibrant community of peers from Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn, and Queens on their leadership journey.

Spring RYLA 2026: Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19

NEED TO CONTACT US?

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SUMMER RYLA

Saturday, July 12th - Saturday, July 19th

AS ONE OF RYLA'S MOST IMMERSIVE EVENTS, SUMMER RYLA INVITES STUDENTS TO "STEP INTO THE ARENA" OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP. THIS CONFERENCE IS A KEY MILESTONE IN THE RYLA LEADERSHIP JOURNEY, ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

The Retreat at Norwich Lake, MA

THE IMMERSIVE FALL RYLA CONFERENCE HONES IN ON DIVERSITY AND INTEGRITY, ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO REFLECT ON THESE VALUES THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES ROOTED IN ROTARY'S MOTTO, "SERVICE ABOVE SELF," EMPHASISING PERSONAL GROWTH, COLLEGE READINESS, AND CAREER PREPARATION.

FALL RYLA

Friday, October 10-2025 - Monday, October 13, 2025

SUMMER RYLA 2025!

When? Saturday, July 12th – Saturday, July 19th

Where? The Retreat at Norwich Lake, MA

Develop your leadership skills while participating in our action-packed Summer program. From resume and interview workshops to kayaking and horse-back riding, Summer RYLA is a chance to step out of your comfort zone and continue your leadership journey!



Tuition: \$1,100

(Transportation included.)

REGISTER NOW

[HTTPS://WWW.RYLADISTRICT7255.COM/SUMMER25](https://www.ryladistrict7255.com/summer25)

Questions? [email admin@ryladistrict7255.com]

Need-based scholarships awarded on a limited basis; visit the website for further details.

"Summer RYLA truly transformed me. I left that week as an individual no longer afraid to use their voice and spark a change in those around me. This experience showed me what it means to truly lead, and how to embrace my vulnerabilities as strength."

— Jake L, Youth Committee & National Horatio Alger Scholar

"Summer RYLA was a life-changing experience for me that I think all high schoolers should experience. The skills and lessons I learned there are what propelled me to where I am today: they really stick with you and empower YOU to become YOU."

— Alain A.,
Facilitator & Princeton Class of 2029

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