

The Magic of Rotary
Rotary Youth Leadership Academy 2025
April 11, 12, 13

The Rotary Youth Leadership Academy program in District 6460 is a one-time leadership development academy for high school students who make an impact on their school and community. The program develops leaders and encourages them to build connections and teamwork skills with peers from both in their community and in other countries. RYLA in District 6460 will be held in-person. The cost per student to attend is **\$250**. Facilitators will be young Rotarians from District 6460. **We need your club to sponsor outstanding high school sophomores from your community to attend this event.** The goal is to have two or more sophomores from each Rotary Club in District 6460 attend the RYLA weekend. You have two options:

1. Your club members can nominate students that they know.
2. You may contact your high school's guidance counselors or other administrators to recommend students for the event. Future Interact Club leaders will benefit greatly from this program. It is not essential that the high school has an Interact club. In fact, sending a student to RYLA is a great first step to getting an Interact club started at your high school. Please contact us if you are considering sending more than 2 students.
3. Register your students by **April 1, 2025**. That is a hard deadline with no exceptions.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete student registration online at <https://shorturl.at/9gAnZ>.
2. Complete Eaglecrest Adventure Intro To Team Challenge course waiver at <https://shorturl.at/cAs3> sent to student after registration form is completed.
3. Complete parent form online at <https://shorturl.at/YLqgg>. This permission form will be sent to the parent/guardian email provided by the student.
3. You can send the registration link to the student via email for the student to complete the online form. Be sure the student has the name of your club to be used in the online form. Make sure they also have their parent or guardian fill out the parent form.
4. If you plan to send students to RYLA in April, here is the process for making a payment. You will send your check to Mike Robson. Checks can be made out to Rotary District 6460 with a memo note to RYLA and the number of students you are sending. Mike's address is 841 Knox Road 2200 N, Wataga, IL, 61488.
5. Please note that **students should not drive themselves**. This is to ensure the safety of the students attending. The sending club should facilitate drivers. Students are required to stay the **entire** duration of the event.
6. Students need to be dropped off at 4 pm. **Please do not arrive early**. We are still preparing the event and allot designated time prior to the event to do so.

We are here to help every step of the way.

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