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**DISTRICT 6840**

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

**RYLA 2023**

***"BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD"***

Dear High School Counselor.

Attached is the 2023 application for RYLA. District 6840's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program. RYLA is an all expense paid scholarship for incoming seniors to attend a 6 day leadership camp in July, courtesy of your local Rotary Club.

Approximately 65 students from the Louisiana-Mississippi Gulf Coast will participate in this intense experiential camp. Students will have an opportunity to work on interviewing and speaking skills, learn strategies to highlight experiences for the college application and scholarship process, as well as gain knowledge on leading and persuading peers in a variety of scenarios.

Rotarians live by the creed, “Service Above Self.” During RYLA, students will participate in an international community service project and learn the steps involved in implementing a successful project in their own communities. In addition, they will have an opportunity to hear from incredibly gifted speakers on topics pertinent to making the most of their senior year – including a life changing anti-bullying presentation by "Character University." And best of all, students will have lots of time to get to know the other campers. The camp is run by 16 peer counselors who are all RYLA Alumni. They are the true backbone of the program.

All 65 students are hand-picked through a rigorous interview process. A list of the Rotary clubs in your area can be found at http://www.clubrunner.ca\6840. The student may choose to send their application to the club in the school area or perhaps the area of the city in which they live. Please advise students to keep a copy of the application for their records and adhere to the deadlines. They may email or phone the club representative to arrange an interview or ask questions. A list of key dates is attached for your convenience.

Should you need more information, please contact Director Olivia Bubrig, Olivia.Bubrig@apsb.org or call/text 504-722-2131 or Rotary RYLA Chair Mike Sigler at RYLA6840@Yahoo.com or call/text 504-655-1183.



**Application Deadline:** Applications available from guidance counselor or by emailing RYLA6840@YAHOO.COM. Applications due to the Rotary Club by **APRIL 30, 2023.**

**Interviews:** Rotary Clubs will contact students within two weeks and schedule interviews.

**Selection Made:** Rotary Club representative will contact student on their scholarship selection and inform RYLA committee by MAY 17, 2023.

**Confirmation Mailed:** Confirmation packets will be mailed to those students selected to participate in RYLA by June 5th.

**Lunch With Rotary Club:** A Rotary Club Representative will invite the camper and their parents to a club meeting in the month of June for a formal presentation of certificate and scholarship.

**RYLA Program Dates:** Check in at the Solomon Retreat Center in Loranger, LA at 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 9, 2023. Check out at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 14, 2023.



**For More Information: WWW.RYLA6840.COM OR E-MAIL US AT RYLA6840@YAHOO.COM OR MIKE SIGLER 504-655-1183**