RYLA

DISTRICT 7210

"The Heart of the Hudson Valley"

Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putman, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulter Counties

FOR CURRENT SOPHMORE STUDENTS ONLY

Fully funded attendance at the Leadership Conference at
Mount Saint Mary's College, Newburgh, NY
Sunday June 28 through Thursday July 2, 2009

The West Point/Highland Falls Rotary Club invites ***you*** to complete an application to become a scholarship winner and participant in this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference!!

Please detach and return the completed application attached to the notice, complete with requested attachments ***no later than April 17, 2009*** *to Ms Lisa Mackey in the Counselors' Office or by mail to the Rotary Club Point of Contact, Jason Lynch, P.O. Box 101, West Point, NY 10996.*

WHAT IS THE ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD CONFERENCE?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award conference (RYLA) is a program for High School Sophomores who have shown leadership potential in their home, school, and community. The conference is designed to introduce participants to thoughts and ideas which, if utilized, will strengthen and develop their Leadership skills.

It also provides an environment where participants may discuss and exchange their ideas with other students from the Mid-Hudson Valley. The Conference lasts five days and is held on the campus of Mt. St. Mary's College, Newburgh, NY.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

1. Personal Assessment
2. Personal Goal Setting
3. Time Management
4. Communication and Listening
5. Speaking in Public
6. Leadership Skills
7. Problem solving/decision making
8. Negotiating
9. Setting Priorities
10. Delegating
11. Interpersonal Relationships
12. Team Building
13. Brain Storming
14. The responsibility of Leadership

ADDITIONAL RYLA PROGRAM

Team Projects: Each student will be a member of a Team during the Conference. Each Team works on a project that is a hands-on experience with student planning, implementation and evaluation.

Small Group Activities: Discussion groups are held to share and explore ideas which result from each day's program.

Social Life: There is time in the program for organized sports and dancing and developing friendships with other participants and staff.

MAKING APPLICATION

The applicant must:

1. Be a sophomore ready to enter his/her Junior year in the fall.
2. Have shown leadership potential in home, school and community.
3. Demonstrate qualities of a good student.
4. Submit a completed application
5. Be selected and sponsored by the local Rotary Club.
6. Be accepted by the District RYLA Committee.

PARENTS & ROTARIANS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND VISIT

APPLICATION
ROTARY DISTRICT 7210

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS CONFERENCE
AT
MT. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
NEWBURGH, NY

JUNE 28 - JULY 2, 2009

West Point - Highland Falls
(Sponsoring Rotary Club)

Jason Lynch
(Rotary Club Contact)

(845) 826-1659 H (845) 938-5126 W
(Phone # of Rotarian Contact)

STUDENT APPLICATION
(Please Type or Print)

_____ (Student's last name, first name)

_____ (Name of High School)

_____ (Street, P O Box, etc.)

_____ (Street address of school)

_____ NY _____ (Town, City) (Zip Code)

_____ (Town, City and Zip of School)

( )_____ _____ M F
(Phone) (Birth date) (Sex)

_____ (School contact-name and title)

This student,_____ has my permission to make application and to be a participant in this conference. I understand that acceptance to be a participant in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference *obligates the student to attend the entire conference.* I also understand that participation may be terminated for inappropriate behavior, a violation of conference rules and regulations or possession of an unpermitted property.

_____ (Printed name of parent/guardian)

_____ (Signature of parent/guardian)

( )_____, Home ( )_____, Work
(Phone numbers of parent/guardian)

To the student: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

1. Briefly describe:
-Your (1) participation and (2) leadership experiences in your community in the areas of extra curricular activities, service and employment.
-Also, the reasons why you are interested in becoming a participant in this conference.

2. Present:
-Two (2) recommendations from teachers, administrators or community leaders who are familiar with your involvement and who can comment on your accomplishments or potential.
-Present a similar recommendation from a parent or guardian.
-Also, submit a copy of your school transcript indicating your subjects and grades for freshman and sophomore years, to date.

Do NOT forward without ALL required attachments.