



**APPLICATION PACKAGE
for 2019**

**Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)
February 22 – 24, 2019**

Price for 2019: \$375 per delegate (if paid by 2/1/19)

Mail to:
RYLA
c/o Rotary Club Memphis East
504 Sanga Circle West
Cordova, TN 38018



2019 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

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PRESIDENTS and SECRETARIES of District 6800

Re: **Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)**
Dates: February 22 - 24, 2019

Plans are now underway for the District 6800 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy scheduled for February 22-24, 2019, at the Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center in Olive Branch, MS. You will notice the reduced prices from last year remain the same for delegates as detailed below.

Started by our district in 1982, this conference represents a major commitment by our clubs to enhance the leadership of today's youth so they may more effectively answer tomorrow's challenges. Each year, approximately 100 high school **juniors** are selected as delegates to the conference and are sponsored by various clubs within the district. During their three days at the conference, these young people associate with students from different locations and backgrounds and are exposed to a broad range of business and professional leaders. They learn the value of assuming leadership positions in our American democratic society.

This conference is the largest commitment our district makes every year, both in terms of monetary resources and club involvement. This is the 11th year we have partnered with the University of Memphis. They will be preparing much of the program material, using their resources to help develop these future leaders. The conference teaches leadership skills in a fun way, skills the students will implement as they continue to mature.

February will be here before we know it so now is the time to select the delegates to be sponsored by your club. Attached to this letter you will find:

- A **Guidelines** sheet that outlines the selection criteria for the delegates, the information to be provided to the delegates, and the responsibilities of each club
- An **Application/Biographical Information form**
- An **Application for Participation and a Parental Consent**

Please make sure each delegate completes the information requested on the application form and the required signatures are provided on the consent form. Feel free to make as many copies of these forms as you may require.

There is no limit to the number of delegates your club may sponsor—the more the merrier! We do ask that you try to send an **equal number of boys and girls** because of rooming restrictions. We **are limiting the total number of delegates to 100** this year. So first come, first served!!

Registrations should be postmarked on or before February 1, 2019; and the fee to be included for each delegate registered is \$375.00. After February 1st, the fee will be \$400 per delegate. In order to provide sufficient

advance notice for room reservations, final registrations must be received on or before **February 11, 2019**. Please forward all completed forms -- Application/Biographical Information and Parental Consent -- for each delegate (don't forget the signatures!) and a check, made out to Rotary District 6800, to our registration chairman at the following address:

RYLA
c/o Rotary Club Memphis East
504 Sanga Circle West
Cordova, TN 38018

We will be making a special offer to clubs with fewer than 20 members. Any club with fewer than 20 members that feels they cannot afford to send a delegate, but still wishes to do so, will either be paired with a larger club that doesn't have enough delegates to fill its budget or will be offered a discount for one delegate. We are doing this to encourage the smaller clubs to participate.

Registration at the conference is on **Friday, February 22nd**. **Delegates must arrive between 8:00 and 10:00 AM.** The conference will conclude on Sunday, February 24th, at approximately 12:00 noon. **As the sponsoring Rotary club, you are responsible for providing transportation for your delegates to and from the conference.** It is preferred that a member of your club accompanies the delegates to the conference. Attendance at the conference is, however, limited to delegates only. If you have Rotarians that would like to work on this committee, please let us know.

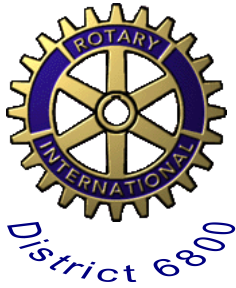
Please keep the following in mind:

1. Delegates must be currently enrolled as high school **juniors**. This is very important as it provides a consistent frame of reference for all delegates.
2. We suggest that you meet with your delegates and their parents after selection to go over the enclosed guidelines and the conference schedule. This is also a good time to make arrangements for transportation. Remember, **transportation is your Rotary Club's responsibility**, not the responsibility of the parents/guardians.
3. Remind the delegates and the parents that **attendance is required**. **DELEGATES SHOULD ARRIVE ON TIME AND CANNOT LEAVE THE CONFERENCE FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN A FAMILY EMERGENCY—NO SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS, PROMS, OR OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.**
4. The delegates must arrive on time on Friday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. **Late arrivals will not be allowed to participate.**

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us. Many thanks for your support for tomorrow's leaders! We promise your delegates an enlightening and entertaining conference.

Sincerely,

PDG Cary E. Vaughn
2019 RYLA Chairman
901.289.1254
Caryvaughn89@gmail.com



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TIMELINE FOR THE CONFERENCE

Event Dates: February 22-24, 2019

February 1, 2019	Early Bird Registration Deadline - \$375.00 per delegate. (Paid by sponsoring Rotary Club)
February 11, 2019	Final Registration Deadline - \$400.00 per delegate (NO DELEGATES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE!!!)
February 22, 2019 (Friday)	8:00-10:00 AM – registration at Whispering Woods Hotel 11200 East Goodman Road Olive Branch, MS 662-890-2881
February 24, 2019 (Sunday)	12:00 Noon – Conference Ends



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DELEGATE SELECTION GUIDELINES

Event Dates: February 22-24, 2019

The following are guidelines to assist each District 6800 club in the selection of Delegates to the ROTARY Youth Leadership Academy. Also, the information contained in Section II should be shared with the delegate and their parent or guardian. The 2019 Conference will be held at the Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

I. Guidelines for Selection of Delegates:

1. *Delegates must be juniors in good standing in their respective high schools..*
2. *Delegates should have a B average or above in their studies.*
3. *Delegates should have exhibited leadership qualities.*
4. *Delegates must be recommended by a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal of their high school.*
5. *Delegates should be: (a) courteous, (b) reliable, (c) industrious, (d) trustworthy, and (e) friendly.*

II. Information To Delegates:

1. *Delegates will be expected to attend all sessions of the conference.*
2. *Delegates will not be allowed to have a personal automobile at the conference.*
3. *Delegates will be required to remain at the conference center for lodging and meals during the dates of the conference. No commuting to and from home or leaving the conference for conflicting activities will be permitted.*
4. *Absolutely NO alcohol or drugs will be allowed. Delegates found with any of these substances will be sent home immediately.*
5. *Participation in the conference is an honor and opportunity for personal growth. Consequently, delegates are expected to treat the conference and its facilitators with a responsible and respectful attitude.*

III. Responsibility of Each Club - District 6800:

1. *Each club will be responsible for the selection of their delegates.*
2. *Selection must be made on or before **February 1, 2019**. The "**Early Bird for \$375**" registration deadline (for a **\$25 discount on the full fee of \$400**) is **February 11, 2019**. All fees are paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club.*
3. *The completed Application/Biographical Information form and the Application for Participation and Parental Consent form, together with the fee payment for each delegate, must be postmarked on or before **February 1, 2019**.*
4. *It is the responsibility of each club (not the parents) to provide transportation TO and FROM the conference Center. Transportation may be a cooperative effort between clubs in proximity to each other.*
5. *RYLA will furnish insurance coverage for the conference. Travel to and from the conference, as long as in accordance with these guidelines, will be included in the insurance coverage provided.*
6. *"No-show" delegates are a burden to the conference and deprive other students of the opportunity to participate in this leadership development experience. PLEASE MAKE SURE your delegates attend.*



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APPLICATION / BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (MUST BE TYPED)

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Name _____
First Middle Last

Preferred Name on Badge: _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Sponsored by Rotary Club of _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____ (may not be changed at conference)

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

School Presently Attending (as of February 2019)

School Name City

Grade _____

School Activities: _____



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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

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I, the undersigned participant in the District 6800 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, do hereby understand and agree that I am being invited to participate because of my demonstrated academic and leadership abilities. I understand that, as a participant, I am expected to demonstrate high moral character, be responsible for my own actions and attendance, and to honor and respect any and all rules and directions given to me.

I understand and agree that no possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol or intoxicants of any kind will be tolerated and should I witness the use of any such substances, I agree to report any such use to an adult member of the Conference Committee. I understand and agree that I am to be present at all scheduled meetings and functions and that my absence from a meeting or failure to follow rules may result in my expulsion from the Conference.

The undersigned parent/guardian acknowledges that the participant, though a minor, is responsible for his/her actions; and the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy is responsible for providing room and board for the participant for the duration of the Conference. The Conference Committee has authority to issue rules and directions as may be necessary for the orderly administration of the activities contemplated. The undersigned parent/guardian does hereby agree to promptly transport the participant from the conference site upon notice from the Conference Committee that the participant has failed to live up to the agreement and expectations outlined herein.

The undersigned parent/guardian ___grants ___does not grant permission to the RYLA Committee to administer over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol and/or Advil. If permission is granted, the undersigned parent/guardian hereby releases and discharges RYLA, Rotary District 6800, Rotary International and Whispering Woods from any and all liability arising out of or relating in any way to the administration of such medications.

These conditions are acceptable and necessary and are binding on the undersigned in order for the participant to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. The undersigned participant and his/her parent/guardian do hereby request the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy to accept the participant and bind themselves to the conditions herein upon acceptance.

Delegate – Printed Name

Parent/Guardian – Printed Name

Signature

Signature

Date: _____

Date: _____

ACCEPTED:

Youth Leadership Academy

President - Sponsoring Club



INFORMATION TO DELEGATES

February 22-24, 2019

Whispering Woods Conference Center
11200 E Goodman Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654
Phone: 662-890-2890

1. **Emergency Contact Information:** During the conference, if it is necessary for a parent to contact a delegate, please contact one of the following Leaders:

Past District Governor Cary Vaughn, RYLA Chairman, 901-289-1254
Past District Governor Tommy White, RYLA Vice Chairman, 662-473-7651
District Governor Bethany Huffman, Activities, 901-277-0726
Past District Governor Tom Wilson, Security, 901-351-2640
Nita Hurdle, Door Prizes, 901-246-6633
Lee Hughes/Taylor Hughes, Registration, 901-581-2622/901-287-9563

2. Dress Code: *School Casual – Dress appropriately - Jeans are acceptable.*
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