



District Grant Application

Rotary Club of: Newport-Balboa	Date: June 15, 2024
Project Name/Title: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience where high school students develop skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. Our club plans to sponsor 6 students to attend RYLA 2025 camp. High school participants will benefit from this experience by building their communication and problem-solving skills, they will discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in their school or community, they will learn from Rotarians, community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors to unlock their potential to turn motivation into action, all the while having fun and forming lasting friendships. After these students attend RYLA, we will invite them to come to a club meeting with their parents and share their experiences with us. We look forward to sharing the magic of Rotary with these 6 students!

2. Indicate the project start and end dates: *(The project may not begin prior to the district receiving approval from TRF. Reimbursements for earlier expenses are not eligible. Projects must have an end date no later than the end of the Rotary year.)*

Project start date:	October 1, 2024
Project end date:	May 31, 2025

3. Project location (select one): **Community** **Mexico**
(If the project is in Mexico, will there be a Rotary club from Mexico involved in the project? If so, indicate the name of the Rotary club and explain the members' involvement.)

RYLA takes place online and at camp in Idyllwild, California, USA.

4. List the project funding amounts *(Club contribution must be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the district):*

Club contribution:	\$	1,500
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	1,500
Other participating clubs - list club name(s) and contribution amount(s) below:		
	\$	
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	3,000



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5. **Indicate whether there is other involvement and financial support** (*If non-Rotary organizations will be involved in your club project, please describe the involvement and any financial support you are receiving for the project – for example, in-kind contributions, discounts, cash donations*):

Students are identified by teachers and school administrators in the Newport-Mesa School District. No other financial support is involved.

6. **Describe the participation of club members** (*Your club members must be actively involved in this project. Please indicate how many members of your club will participate in this project and describe their activities*):

Students are interviewed by 3-4 Rotarians from our club after submitting a written application. The selection of RYLA participants is based on a combination of financial need, academic record, prior record of community service and future leadership potential. Each year members of our club also participate in various roles at the RYLA camp.

7. **Describe how funds will be safeguarded and tracked** (*If funds are to be distributed to a partner in Mexico who will be responsible for the funds? How will transfers of funds to Mexico be handled?*):

Money will be deposited in club bank account.

8. **Describe how your club will use the project funds** (*list the types of expenses / items to be purchased*):

Funds will pay for 6 students to attend RYLA (cost is \$500/student in our district).