

Student Interviews – Sample Questions

It is very important that each student have an interview regardless of how many you have apply or plan to send. It may be helpful to schedule the interviews back-to-back so you can more clearly compare the students. The interview should focus on things not included in their application. The interview can be as long or as short as you want, but it is suggested to be between 5-10 minutes in length and contain between 4-6 questions. The makeup of those interviewing should be Rotarians not directly family with the students to be interviewed as to impose no bias. Below you will find a sample list of questions. Question #1 should be asked last but is important to be asked. Feel free to add other questions to this list.

1. Are you willing and able to commit to attending Great Plains RYLA on all dates and work with our club to complete a leadership project of your choosing after your time at RYLA this summer?
2. What are your plans for next year?
3. Outside of your classes, what activity has been the most important in terms of your personal growth?
4. What are your feelings about the grade requirements for participation in extracurricular activities?
5. Who has been the most important person in your life and why?
6. Name one thing that you have done that made you feel good about yourself.
7. What does leadership mean to you?
8. Many employers and others are looking to social media sites like Facebook to get a true picture of who an individual is as people will often put things on Facebook they wouldn't anywhere else. If we were to look at your Facebook page, what would it tell us about who you are?
9. If five candidates, including you, are equally qualified, why should you be the one selected for RYLA?
10. What are your three most important values?
11. Outside your family and friends, who do you most respect?
12. What is the last book you read for pleasure?
13. What makes a good leader?
14. Why are ethics important in leadership?
15. Who do you know that you feel is an outstanding leader and why?
16. If you had the power and money to do something good for mankind, what would it be and why?
17. As a teenager what do you see as your role in the community? (i.e. setting examples, community service)
18. Name your hero or role model you look up to, and tell us why he/she is important to you.