



CONFERENCE GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING YOUR CONFEREES

1. The school should present your Club's Committee with two or three times the number of qualified candidates that you plan to select. Your Committee should conduct the interviews and choose the most qualified students to represent that school, and your Club.
2. The students your Club selects to be its representatives should be **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ENTERING THEIR SENIOR CLASS IN SEPTEMBER OF 2009.**
3. The following considerations are offered as possible criteria to be used in your selection process:
 - **Leadership Potential:** Those qualities which might make him/her an effective leader.
 - **Leadership Experience:** Has the student had opportunities to practice leadership skills in real life situations? (Look for officers of school organizations, class officers, athletic team captains, and extracurricular leadership experience. Scouts, church groups, etc.)
 - **Academic Ability:** Performance academically at school.
 - **Extracurricular Activities:** Has the candidate been involved in extracurricular activities? Emphasize quality of involvement rather than quantity. Have they participated in any Community activities? Do they have a job after school, evenings, or on weekends?
 - **Articulation:** Is candidate capable of expressing thoughts and feelings accurately, clearly, and effectively?
 - **Ability to Relate with Peers:** How easily does the candidate get along with others?
 - **Openness to this Experience:** Will candidate be open and adaptive enough to embrace the philosophy of the Conference?
4. Your Club would be wise to select **“alternate candidates”** who will be prepared to attend the Conference in the event that any of your primary candidates could not attend. Last minute cancellations, and the problems that they cause, could thus be eliminated.
5. We are looking for interested, sincere, well-rounded, potential leaders. The *timely* selection of qualified conferees by **ROTARIANS** is a critical element in the success of the RYLA Program.