



Rotary Champions for Peace Program

Purpose: To recognize and honor youth who have brought peace into the world by their demeanor and actions.

Recognition: Students selected by their Rotary clubs will be personally recognized at the 29th Annual Rotary Peace Conference on Saturday morning, February 23, 2019, at The University of La Verne's Morgan Auditorium in La Verne, California. They and their parents will be granted complimentary admission to the conference. Though highly encouraged to attend the entire conference, their presence is not a condition of nomination.

Eligibility: Champions for Peace are selected from high school students in the local community served. They may be Interactors, but that is not a requirement. They must be selected by a Rotary club in District 5300. Children and grandchildren of Rotarians are eligible for this program.

Selection Process: Rotary clubs will publicize the program in their high schools, the club may select one individual for the recognition from each high school the club normally works with. They are encouraged to work closely with school administrators, counselors, teachers, school activity directors, coaches, and/or Interact and Rotaract advisors. Students must complete an application form which will be used as part of the Rotary club's evaluation of the candidates.

Criteria for Clubs to Consider:

- Students who demonstrate an overall concern for peace in society
- Students who are sensitive to promoting justice and compassion
- Students who effectively deal with conflict among peers
- Students who lead or participate in an outreach program that promotes the well-being of others
- Students who engage in a peace-specific activity related to bullying, sexual harassment, LGBTQ rights, cultural understanding, etc.
- Students who are effectively involved in peer counseling programs, tutoring, cross-cultural understanding, etc.
- Students who interface with the disabled and those with special needs
- Students who reach out to the marginalized, the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the aged

Club Responsibilities:

- Select a volunteer to chair the Ambassadors for Peace Program.
- Contact school administrators, counselors, teachers, coaches, Interact/Rotaract advisors.
- Distribute this Ambassadors for Peace Program information and application forms.
- Select recipients
- **Email completed application form(s), other pertinent information, to Luciano de Sylva, rotarydesylva@gmail.com by February 15, 2019**
- Arrange for the recipient (and parents) to attend the Peace Conference if they can. There is no charge for students and parents
- If attending, register the recipient (and parents) for the conference on the district website.

Questions: Contact Luciano de Sylva, 951- 285-1777 rotarydesylva@gmail.com#