

Garbis Der-Yeghian Rotary District 5300 Annual Peace Conference

Rotary Youth Ambassador for Peace Award



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 recognized at the 32nd Annual Garbis Der-Yeghian Rotary District 5300 Peace Conference on Saturday, October 23, 2021, online via Zoom at approximately 12:30 PM. Recognition awards will be sent to the clubs for appropriate in person recognition.

Students and their parents are invited to attend the peace conference. Registration can be done through the District website: www/district5300.org. Once registered, they will receive the Zoom login information. Though highly encouraged to attend the entire conference, an applicant's presence is not a condition of nomination.

Eligibility: Youth Ambassadors 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. A club may select one individual for the recognition from each high school the club normally serves. Club representatives are encouraged to work closely with the school administration, 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 outreach programs that promote the well-being of others
- Students who engage in a peace-specific activity related to bullying, sexual harassment, LGBTQ rights, cultural understanding, inclusion, diversity, equity and access 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
- Students who otherwise contribute to peace and well-being in the school or community

Club Responsibilities:

- Select a volunteer as soon as possible to chair the Youth 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, and a high-resolution (250 kb or higher) photograph(s) of the selected recipient(s) to Luciano de Sylva, rotarydesylva@gmail.com, no later than October 8, 2021.**
- Invite the recipient (and parents) to attend the Peace Conference on Zoom.
- 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