

What is S4TL?

S4TL(Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders) is a joint youth Leadership Project of our District along with 6890 and 6960. It encompasses the Rotary Clubs from Citrus County to Naples, across to Sebring, and up to east of Lakeland. The program is supported by 149 eligible Rotary Clubs and approximately 110 public and private high schools in Florida. The program is held at the campus of Florida Southern college and occurs during the Father's Day week in June. The 2007 Seminar is scheduled for June 17-23, 2007. This year will be the project's 27th anniversary. Each club is guaranteed at least 1 spot for an eligible incoming senior for the 2007-2008 school year.

CLUB RESPONSIBILITY:

- 1) The club first submits a reservation request along with the applicable fees, by Jan 5, 2007. The necessary paperwork can be found on our website at www.rotary6950.org. You do not need the name of the candidate till the end of March, only the reservation and fees initially. Further info comes after your reservation is accepted. The tuition for the Seminar is \$450.00, per candidate, which covers all meals, housing and materials.
- 2) Many Clubs have different policies and procedures as to how they decide who their delegates will be, but S4TL has certain guidelines that must be met:
 - a) The student must have just completed their 11th grade, in a public/private or accredited high school program, and be entering the 12th grade in Fall 2007.
 - b) The student must have the recommendation of the sponsoring club, principal and parents.
 - c) The student must have current health insurance at the commencement of the seminar. Sometimes, candidates' parents, for whatever reason, do not have health insurance. In this instance, a club can attain a 30-day policy for the student.
 - d) A parent must have a notarized signature on the application giving the staff permission to treat the student, should an emergency arise.
 - e) There is an information packet that is sent to the parents and club outlining this info once the student is selected.

Some clubs have a relationship with their local school and will rely on the teachers to make recommendations for eligible candidates. Some clubs will also rely on their individual members to make recommendations.

A CLUB REPRESENTATIVE(S) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO THE SEMINAR ON SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2007 AND PICKING UP THE STUDENT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2007. WHEN THE ROTARIAN IS DELIVERING OR PICKING UP THE STUDENT, THEY MUST COME IN AND SIGN IN/OUT THE STUDENT. A STUDENT/PARENT IS NOT ALLOWED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION. A MAP AND DIRECTIONS WILL BE SENT TO THE CLUB AT A LATTER DATE.

The student's day runs from approximately 7am-11pm, during which time they are exposed to nationally known speakers, coaches and volunteer Rotarians. They are taught Rotarian values from the get-go. They are taught how to make good decisions and that they not only are responsible for their decisions, but how important it is to give back to their community.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE CLUB???????????????

This is probably the most common question we get asked. As Rotarians, we are reminded that our youth of today will become our leaders of tomorrow. This is a program that a club can actually gain a tangible asset, as they have picked the candidate. They see where the money is going in the beginning and hopefully see the end results of all their efforts for years to come. Not all the students have perfect lives. Yet as Rotarians, we give them not only the resources to see hope and gain the strength to not accept things as they may appear, but the courage to make a difference in their lives and others. Our graduates have gone on to college when others thought they never would. Other graduates have taken advantage of Rotary's scholarship programs, GSE programs, and yes, even become Rotarians in their own communities. We can give personal testimony of employees of The Rotary Foundation who are graduates, as well as doctors who gave of themselves to help others during Katrina. Ralph Foster, our S4TL director, has a S4TL staff member who went from being a S4TL graduate to attaining her PhD, and is now one of the top rated teachers known in Florida.

The program also helps your individual members recharge themselves and become more active. This is how... on Tues/Wed/Thurs, we invite the local clubs over for the day to interact and mentor the students. Club members are on the campus from 11-3, meet the students, have lunch with them and then attend a Rap Session with them. You will be amazed at the questions they ask you from an adult point of view. The Rap counts as a makeup opportunity for attendance also.

If you want to share this wonderful program with your club, we have a DVD on the program, so that you can see the snippets outlined above in action. Just email Ralph Foster at s4tl2005@yahoo.com with an address and he will send you the DVD.

