

To: Sophomores
RE: HOBY Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar
From: Mrs. Shultz, Guidance Counselor
Date: 9/11/2017

Due to Mrs. Shultz by November 4, 2017

The Opportunity

Annually, one FFHS sophomore is chosen to represent our school at the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar. If you choose to apply, you must be available to attend the seminar over the weekend of June 7-10 @ Marietta College. Please keep this in mind before applying. All expenses, except transportation, are covered by the HOBY Foundation (except \$150 covered by our school).

The Purpose

HOBY's purpose is to bring together a select group of high school sophomores who have demonstrated leadership ability or show potential for leadership so that they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and other professions to discuss present and future issues. Some of the positive outcomes of participating in a HOBY program include:

- **Improved critical thinking skills.** By presenting multiple viewpoints on important issues, HOBY encourages participants to evaluate all issues from a critical perspective. Effective leaders make informed decisions.
- **Enhanced leadership skills.** HOBY's phase-based curriculum, question-and-answer sessions with community leaders, small group discussions, interactive activities, hands-on service-learning experiences, and opportunities to engage in leadership roles enable participants to better understand leadership and begin to identify your own particular leadership strengths.
- **Developing goal-setting skills.** All aspects of the HOBY Leadership Seminar are geared to encourage participants to see leadership as a life-goal worth pursuing. At the conclusion of the HOBY Leadership Seminar, participants are encouraged to identify personal goals and commit to achieving one or more within the six months that follow.
- **Realizing the importance of Leadership.** Through HOBY's Leadership for Service program, participants are challenged to complete 100 hours of service in your communities and to create service opportunities for others (not required).

The Selection

- All sophomores are eligible to apply.
- You do not have to be an A student, leadership and enthusiasm are important.
- Answer one of the following questions in essay form; be succinct, length should be no less than one paragraph, no more than one page.
- This paper should be typewritten, remember grammar and all the rules for English compositions apply!

Prompt one: The most rewarding and challenging aspect of being a leader in my school and community is...

Or if you have not had an opportunity in a leadership role:

Prompt two: Why you would like to become a leader in your school and community?

More information is available on the website www.hoby.org. Check it out!



Register Now for the State Leadership Seminar!

Each spring, 10,000 high school sophomores from across the country join one of HOBY's 70 State Leadership Seminars where students:

- Engage in self-discovery and 3-4 days of life-changing leadership training.
- Experience college life by staying in university dorms and rooming with other sophomores from across the state.
- Explore leadership from three perspectives: individual, group, and society.
- Discover how personal, group, and societal leadership lead to social change.
- Cultivate their leadership skills through fun, interactive workshops.
- Become effective, ethical leaders in the home, school, and community.
- Return from the seminar with skills and inspiration to take action.

Only school administrators may select students and register them in HOBY's online registration system. Obtain your school ID and password by emailing registration@hoby.org with your high school's name and mailing address. Guarantee a spot for your student by registering by December 2, 2016.

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