



HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP (HOBY)

HOBY was founded by Hugh O'Brian in 1958 in response to Dr. Albert Schweitzer's remark, "The most important thing in education is to teach young people to think for themselves". HOBY seeks out, recognizes, and rewards leadership potential in high school sophomores by giving them the opportunity to build their leadership potential during a three day seminar. High school sophomores are chosen because their age is critical in focusing on future goals and forming opinions for adulthood. These students have the unique opportunity to create a "ripple effect" from their HOBY experience by utilizing their remaining time in high school to lead others and lay the foundation for a strong future. HOBY challenges students on NOT what to think but HOW to think.

Discussions and presentations center on the theme "Leadership through Service". Activities created to stimulate inherent potential, are centered on three perspectives of leadership: individual, group, and community/society. Each seminar holds a community service project. Seminar participants are encouraged to complete 100 hours of community service during the year following their completion of the seminar.

The Virginia HOBY Leadership Seminar, Inc., an affiliate of HOBY International, provides the following programs: Annual Virginia Leadership Seminar; Community Leadership Workshops (one day mini-seminars) for 9th grade students and a HOBY Alumni Chapter.

Each September, the National Association of Secondary School Principals sends nomination kits to all public and private high schools. Each school in Virginia is given the opportunity to nominate an outstanding sophomore based on his or her leadership potential. That sophomore represents his or her high school at the annual HOBY Virginia Seminar.

The total cost for a student's Seminar attendance is \$325.00, which includes a \$150 registration fee paid to HOBY International, which is the school's responsibility and \$175 that covers lodging, food and training materials at the seminar. Donations from GFWC Virginia clubs fund the costs of lodging, food and training materials at the annual HOBY Virginia Seminar and are sent to Virginia HOBY.

National Website

<http://www.hoby.org/>

Virginia Seminar Website

<http://www.vahoby.org/>