

Answers to FAQs from Students and Parents

- **Where will the seminar be held?** The seminar will take place at Illinois Wesleyan University. For GPS purposes, you can use the following address: 102 East University Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701
- **When will the seminar be held?** Seminar participants may register any time after 10:00 am but before 11:00 am on Thursday, June 14, 2018. The seminar will begin with Ambassador Orientation on June 14, 2018 at 11:00am and conclude with Closing Ceremonies on June 17, 2018 at 12:30. You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.
- **Where should I go when I arrive?** Arrive at Pfeiffer Hall, a HOBY volunteer committee member will greet you and check you in.
- **What kind of program is planned?** During your HOBY Leadership Seminar, many dynamic leaders—all volunteers from the fields of business, education, government, and other professions—will address aspects of our changing world and the challenges future leaders will confront. The program will not promote any specific political party, religion, or way of thinking; but is designed to develop critical thinking skills by actively involving participants in discussions and informal debate. During the seminar, you will be asked to undertake a community service project(s) involving at least 100 hours during the year following your seminar, to make a difference in your school, community, place of worship, or other environment where you see a need. The program also includes outstanding speakers, leadership activities, social events, and a special closing ceremony to which your parents are invited.
- **What are the accommodations like?** Participants will be assigned to dorm rooms with two to four participants per room in dorms reserved exclusively for the seminar. Please pack towels, pillows, blankets and toiletries. Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Arrive on site having eaten breakfast, our first meal will be lunch around noon-time. On the Medical History Records Form, please indicate any special dietary considerations, including vegetarianism, as well as room/space mobility needs and we will do our best to accommodate you.
- **What if I need to take medication while I am at the seminar?** Please provide information about your medication on the Medical History Records Form and bring the Physician Medication Verification Form with you to the seminar (documents are included in this form set). Make sure to read and comply with the Policy for Use of Medication During a HOBY Event.
- **If necessary, how may I be contacted during the seminar?** Parents, friends, and family members are discouraged from calling students during the seminar due to the disruption caused to panels and activities. In case of emergency, your parent(s) or guardian may call Kaitlin Monahan at 815-252-5431. The seminar will be chaperoned by qualified adults who will be staying at the facility 24 hours a day.
- **Who pays for the seminar?** Your school or parent has paid or will pay a Registration Fee. All costs for meals, lodging and training materials have been generously provided by sponsors throughout our state, including businesses, foundations, individuals, and service organizations wishing to support leadership education.
- **What should I wear at the seminar?** Dress is casual throughout the weekend. You will be provided a HOBY t-shirt for both Friday and Saturday. Sunday is "dress-up." Khakis, dress pants, and tasteful skirts/dresses should be worn.
- **What about religious services?** Participants have three options: A non-denominational Christian service; A Catholic Mass; and a religious discussion. All ambassadors must sign up for one of the Sunday morning options.
- **What transportation arrangements have been made?** You are responsible for your transportation to and from the seminar. Please include all details of your itinerary on the enclosed Participant Confirmation Form. If you have last minute transportation problems up to the day of, please notify Kaitlin Monahan at 815-252-5431.
- **What if I am unable to attend the seminar?** If circumstances arise that prevent you from attending the entire seminar, including overnight, we would like to give another student the opportunity to attend. Please return these forms to the person at your school who selected you, and follow up with a call to Ashley LaGrow at 309-337-6464.
- **Who may I contact should I have additional questions?** Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Ashley LaGrow at 309-337-6464 & ashley@hobyillinois.org OR Kaitlin Monahan at 815-252-5431 & ilcsinfo@hobyillinois.org
- **What action should I take now?** With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete and sign the forms in this set by May 5, 2018.