



## **HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP (HOBY)** *Empowering Young People to Excel as Leaders*

HOBY was founded by actor 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 in their schools and communities. HOBY lays the foundation for a strong future by teaching students "HOW to think not WHAT to think."

Discussions, presentations and interactive activities, created to stimulate inherent potential, are centered on three perspectives of leadership: individual, group, and community/society. HOBY believes strongly that one of the most powerful ways to show leadership is through service to others. Each seminar holds a community service project. Seminar participants are challenged to complete 100 hours of community service during the year following their completion of the seminar. With the core values of volunteerism, integrity, excellence, diversity, effective, compassionate leadership and community partnership, HOBY seeks to motivate individuals to make positive contributions to their schools and communities, thus making them more active, aware and responsible citizens.

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 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and a HOBY Alumni Chapter.

Each September, HOBY International 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 \$450.00, which includes a \$225 registration fee paid to HOBY International, which is the school's responsibility, and \$225 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 via headquarters to Virginia HOBY.

**Virginia HOBY Website**  
<http://www.vahoby.org/>

**International Website**  
<http://www.hoby.org/>



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Club Name	District
Club President:	Phone No.
Address:	
No. Students Sponsored: _____ @ \$225 each = <b>TOTAL:</b> \$ _____	
Partial Scholarship or Contribution to HOBY	\$ _____
If you wish to sponsor a specific school, please list the name and location. Student name is not necessary.	
School Name	City

Make all checks payable to GFWC Virginia and mail with this form by **March 1** each year to:  
 GFWC Virginia/HOBY  
 P.O. Box 8750  
 Richmond, VA 23226

**NOTE: If sponsoring a particular school, please make certain that the school has “registered” and the registration fee (required by HOBY for each participant, and the school’s responsibility) has been paid to HOBY International in Los Angeles, CA.**

**ENSURE THE SCHOOL UNDERSTANDS THAT YOUR “SPONSORSHIP” MEANS PAYMENT OF THE SEMINAR COST NOT THE FEE, UNLESS YOU CHOSE TO DO BOTH.**

Tomorrow’s Leaders Thank You For Your Commitment!