



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Where will the seminar be held?

The seminar will take place at Eckerd College - 4200 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

When will the seminar be held?

Seminar participants may register any time after 8:00 a.m. but before 9:15 a.m. on June 8, 2018. The seminar will begin with Ambassador Orientation on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 9:30 and conclude with Closing Ceremonies on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. ***You must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.***

Where should I go when I arrive?

Enter the facility through the main gate at Eckerd College. A HOBY volunteer committee member will greet you and direct you to Registration.

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 per room, with community style bathrooms, on floors reserved exclusively for the seminar. Pillows, sheets, blankets, towels, toiletries, etc will need to be brought to the seminar. **No linens are provided.** Everyone will receive nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Breakfast will NOT be provided on Friday as ambassadors arrive and lunch will not be served until noon. On the Medical History Records Form, please indicate any special dietary considerations, including vegetarianism, 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 Jenni McNally at 941-704-6638. 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, parent or sponsor pays a Registration Fee. You must provide your own transportation to and from the seminar. 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. Sunday is "dress-up" and we ask that you wear your "Sunday Best." You will be provided a HOBY t-shirt to wear on Saturday.

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, please notify Jenni McNally 941-704-6638.

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 call Jenni McNally at 941-704-6638 so that we may contact your alternate as soon as possible.

Who may I contact should I have additional questions?

Additional questions or concerns should be directed to Dris Stephen, Leadership Seminar Chair, at 727-916-7559 or LSC.midflhoby@gmail.com.

What action should I take now?

With your parent or guardian, carefully review, complete and sign the forms in this set by April 1, 2018.