

HOBY Application

Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) is a truly dynamic and interactive educational program that is designed to develop and strengthen leadership skills. The program is designed to prepare our country's youth to become effective and ethical leaders in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities. Sophomore students who attend the weekend seminar at Hobart and William Smith Colleges June 12th-14th 2026, will interact with leaders in business, government, education, media and non-profit organizations. Students are able to get a realistic look at our nation, its' people, and their role within their global community, as well as how they can have an impact on these. HOBY will bring together students from high schools in sixteen counties in Central New York from Massena to Binghamton and from Utica to Waterloo. Please keep in mind that this opportunity is open to both students who have demonstrated leadership in the past, and those who feel that they have leadership potential. If you would like to find out more information, please visit the Counseling Office or www.hoby.org.

In order to be considered, students must:

Write a paragraph detailing and outlining your leadership experiences. If you do not have previous leadership experience, please write a paragraph outlining how you feel that you will benefit from being involved with HOBY.

Please be sure to include your name on your essay and turn it into the Counseling Center by **Monday October 27th**

A school-based committee will then be reviewing submissions and interviewing finalists on **Thursday October 30th** during AP.

Thank you for your interest in HOBY and good luck!

-Counseling Center