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Dear Colleague:

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is now accepting applications for their **2006 HOBY Leadership Seminars**. Celebrating 48 years of leadership education, HOBY is the nation's only program exclusively designed for high school sophomores. The HOBY program has my strongest personal support, as well as that of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

All sophomores are eligible and should be encouraged to apply to HOBY. The three- and four-day leadership seminars are held in every state each spring. Please take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding 10th grader from your school during this important decision-making time in his or her life. The guaranteed acceptance deadline is November 23, 2005. Applications postmarked after November 23, will be considered on a space-available basis. Last year, 8,000 outstanding sophomores attended HOBY Leadership Seminars. Don't let one of your students miss out. **I encourage you to take advantage of this excellent HOBY opportunity immediately.**

The registration fee of \$150 covers only a minimum of the overall costs for the program, and is small compared to the great benefits your student will experience at HOBY. Local volunteers, businesses, and organizations such as the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions Clubs, Optimists, Rotary, and others in your community are raising the remainder of the fees to pay for your student's room and board. If your school cannot underwrite the \$150 registration fee, please ask your school's booster club, PTA, or other support group to underwrite the fees and invest in the future of your deserving sophomore.

In addition to the local seminar, all attending students will be given the opportunity to attend HOBY's seven-day leadership program, the World Leaders Congress (WLC) being held in Washington, DC in July 2006. Over 30 countries will send their outstanding 10th graders to interact with our American sophomore leaders. The WLC is truly an opportunity for young leaders of the world to come together and develop the skills to create a better future!

Thank you for your commitment to HOBY and its mission of "motivating tomorrow's leaders today." Please select your outstanding sophomore now!

  
Gerald N. Tirozzi  
Executive Director

**P.S. If you have any questions about the enclosed materials, please contact HOBY at: 310-474-4370, ext. 400 (phone), 310-475-5426 (fax), or [hoby@hoby.org](mailto:hoby@hoby.org) (email).**