



# VIRTUAL WLC FAQ

## GENERAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Where:

HOBY's 2020 World Leadership Congress (WLC) will take place virtually, so you'll be able to access and participate in all parts of the WLC experience from your personal devices.

### When:

The 2020 WLC will take place from Monday July 27 through Friday July 31, 2020.

### How Much:

The program registration fee is \$550. The registration fee covers the use of technology platforms, program materials for participating students and transferable college credit from George Mason University.

A \$100 deposit is required at the time of registration to reserve your spot for the 2020 WLC. Final payment is due July 15, 2020. For further inquiries please contact [wlc2020@hoby.org](mailto:wlc2020@hoby.org)

### Who:

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND WLC IF YOU...

- Attended a HOBY Leadership Seminar in the United States or another country in 2018, 2019 OR are attending a HOBY Leadership Seminar in 2020
- Are an international student currently a junior or senior at a United States high school
- Are a student from outside the U.S. between the ages of 15 and 17, with conversational proficiency in English OR a United States high school sophomore or junior

### Due Dates:

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE FOR ALL STUDENTS IS JULY 10, 2020.

- All payments are due in full by July 15, 2020
- Any cancellations received on or before June 30, 2020 will be eligible to have their registration fee refunded, minus the \$100 deposit.
- Any cancellations received on or after July 1, 2020 will not be eligible for a refund.

### College Credit:

HOBY is proud to partner with nationally-ranked George Mason University (GMU) to offer transferable college credit for WLC Ambassadors. Throughout WLC, ambassador participation in the WLC Program will be documented in HOBY's virtual learning management system. Upon successful completion of the WLC Program, 1 pass/fail credit as part of GMU's Special Topics in Leadership course will be awarded.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The option for this credit is automatically included for all ambassadors but is not required for participation by all ambassadors. Ambassadors may skip the GMU-related questions during registration if they are not interested in receiving this transferable college credit.



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## **REGISTRATION & PAYMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Do I Have To Attend The Entire Event?**

Yes. Students registered for the 2020 WLC must be digitally present for each day of the program. Most elements of the virtual WLC experience will include and require live interaction between ambassadors and speakers, or between groups of fellow ambassadors. The “online” schedule outlined in the Virtual Platform section of the FAQ details what hours participants are expected to be in attendance of the program.

### **What Information Do I Need To Have Ready Before I Register For The WLC?**

- Student contact information (including an accurate email address)
- Parent contact information (including an accurate email address)
- Emergency contact information
- Current school information, including school contact

### **Fundraising**

Students are encouraged to raise funds in order to cover their registration expenses. Please download our [Student Fundraising Guide](#) for more information.

### **When Will I Receive Final Confirmation Of Acceptance?**

A student’s official attendee confirmation can only be sent when full payment has been received, which is due by July 15, 2020. Any enrollment received without the required \$100 deposit will be moved to a waiting list until payment is received.

### **How Can Payments Be Made?**

HOBY accepts checks and all major credit cards, as well as installment payments through the student’s online registration—details on how to do this are included in an auto-email sent upon completion of the initial online enrollment.

### **Does HOBY Accept Payments For Students From Sponsors?**

Yes, as long as the payment is made payable to HOBY and indicates the student’s name, we will apply that payment to any outstanding fee balance.

### **Does HOBY Provide Scholarships Or Financial Assistance To Applicants?**

International and domestic students can request a HOBY WLC Financial Assistance Application by emailing [wlc2020@hoby.org](mailto:wlc2020@hoby.org). Please note that financial assistance is limited, and will be based on financial need and merit. Applications must be received by June 30, 2020.

## VIRTUAL PLATFORM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What Do I Need To Participate In The Virtual WLC Program?**

Must Have: Computer and Reliable Internet

Might Want to Consider: Headphones with a microphone, webcam

### **When Will I Need To Be Online Each Day?**

The Virtual WLC Program has a schedule that remains consistent from day-to-day for each participant, and offers many ways of engaging with the program material. Each day participants can expect to experience:

- 2 hours of LIVE programming with students and speakers from all over the world
- 2 hours of LIVE activities with students from your region of the world
- 1-3 hours of optional, independent programming and activities for students to participate in based on availability and interest

To include students from around the world in the daily LIVE global programming, students may be participating in the program anytime between 6am and midnight local time. A schedule table is included below for your reference:

Location(s)	Time Zone	LIVE Global Programming	Break	LIVE Regional Activities	Optional Programming
Ankara, Turkey	TRT	4pm - 6pm	3:30pm - 4pm	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Anytime
London, UK	GMT	2pm - 4pm	1:30pm - 2pm	11:30am - 1:30pm	Anytime
North America	ET	9am - 11am	11am - 11:30am	11:30am - 1:30pm	Anytime
North America	PT	6am - 8am	8am - 8:30am	8:30am - 10:30am	Anytime
Seoul, South Korea	KST	10pm - 12am	9:30pm - 10pm	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Anytime
Taipei, Taiwan	CST	9pm - 11pm	8:30pm - 9pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Anytime

### **What Platform(s) Or Programs Will I Need To Use?**

Your Virtual WLC experience will take place through a Learning Management System called HOBY Connect, which will organize your daily schedule, provide access to all video links or documents you need, and be a place where you can connect socially with WLC staff members and fellow WLC ambassadors. All live programming will also utilize the web-conferencing platform Zoom. WLC participants will receive detailed tutorial guides for both of these platforms prior to the start of the 2020 WLC.



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## **Is The Virtual Program Platform Mobile-friendly?**

HOBY Connect is mobile-forward and can be used on a desktop, laptop, tablet or phone.

## **Are There Recommended Browsers For The Virtual Program Platform?**

Yes. HOBY Connect works best through Chrome, Firefox or Safari, however it works on most browsers with the exception of Internet Explorer.

## **What Security Measures Are In Place For Using A Virtual Platform?**

Every user of HOBY Connect will have an account established for them and they will have the ability to update their log-in credentials. Zoom meetings will only be accessible through links provided in HOBY Connect, keeping them secure. HOBY will also utilize standard security measures and best practices offered by Zoom.

## **What Virtual Safety & Supervision Measures Will Be In Place?**

In addition to the security measures listed below, all virtual activity as part of the WLC program will be monitored by adult HOBY volunteer staff members. All HOBY volunteer staff members are trained in risk management policies, child protection practices, and are all certified mandated reporters. HOBY staff will take every effort to create a safe and supportive virtual environment, with no tolerance for harassment, discrimination, or any other behavior causing harm to another HOBY participant or staff member. All WLC staff and participants are required to sign a Code of Conduct as part of their registration for the event.

## **If I Require Special Accommodations, Is HOBY Equipped To Support Me?**

We strive to accommodate as many students as possible and will work with students and families to make reasonable accommodations. Please make sure the Accessibility and Accommodations section of the registration form is completed accurately so we can assist in a timely and meaningful way. Questions can be sent to the WLC team at [wlc2020@hoby.org](mailto:wlc2020@hoby.org).

## **Is There A Dress Code For The Event?**

There is no formal dress code for the WLC Program, however participating ambassadors may be encouraged to wear particular articles of clothing as part of the program experience (e.g. a shirt representing where they're from or culturally symbolic dress). Any details about this will be provided in advance of the event.

NOTE: The Virtual WLC Program relies on the use of video-conferencing services, therefore, it is expected that participants will be dressed comfortably, but appropriately while on camera.

## **Can Family Members Observe The Virtual Programming With Their Students?**

We discourage having guardians, siblings, or other household members present during WLC programming so that ambassadors can find their own voice and step out of their comfort zone. However, we encourage families to ask participating ambassadors about their experience each day and support their global citizenship learning!