



Town of Ingersoll,

My name is Sloane Sweazey and I am a grade eleven student attending Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute. When I was in grade ten I was chosen to attend the 2009 South Western Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Congress by Brennan Hutchison and Ashley Nethercott who attended it in the previous year. At HOBY, I met amazing individuals who have become some of my greatest friends and companions. I was also inspired. Inspired to do great things with my life, and yes, that I can do it and start doing so as a youth. It taught me that I have a voice and a position towards my community and even more so, the world. HOBY was such an impact on me that I have chosen to stay active and involved with the organization. I have attended a reunion and took part in a HOBY side project called CLeW which was held on March 26, 2009. Now, after a year on HOBY alumni, I would also love to attend the World Leadership Congress (WLC), just as Brennan and my fellow HOBYs have. They told me of the amazing time they had, and I would be honoured to experience the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as well.

WLC is a global youth leadership seminar. This years WLC is held in Los Angeles, California during the week of July 23-30. WLC will provide me with the opportunity to interact with individuals around the world! This is the main reason why I feel WLC is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. WLC introduces it's ambassadors to leaders in the fields of business, government, international affairs, science and technology, medicine, media, and education through interactive and informative panels. HOBY states that WLC ambassadors will leave the seminar "more mature individuals, more aware of the world around them, and more empowered to make meaningful contributions to their communities." I truly feel that WLC will make me grow and learn as a youth leader which excites me.

I love taking opportunities at hand that will make me grow as a leader and person. WLC is an opportunity that will allow me to do so. I truly believe that it will further my ambitions as a leader and an individual of my community and world. To make this trip possible for myself to attend I would appreciate a donation that would be put towards the funding of the registration fee (\$1,500) and the flight cost (\$800 approx.). I can be reached at (519) 425-1617 or (519) 320-8732 or by my e-mail: sloane_sweazey@hotmail.com.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and supporting your local youth.

Sincerely,

Sloane Sweazey

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