Leadership for Service (L4S) is a national community service program for HOBY Alumni. It was specifically designed to raise the public’s awareness that young people are a community resource for problem-solving, volunteerism, and leadership.

For HOBY Alumni who care about their community and want to give back. HOBY challenges program Alumni to complete 100 or more volunteer service hours and to log those hours in our L4S website for recognition and special opportunities.

In your own community (or where you see the need), and immediately following your HOBY program. Alumni have two chances to meet the L4S challenge. Each opportunity is one year long.

Because it feels good to do good! And by meeting our 100+ hours L4S challenge, you receive a HOBY recognition packet, as well as the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

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LOGGING IN TO THE L4S WEBSITE

1. **Obtain your username and password.** This information is emailed to you within a day or two of completing your seminar. Go check your email right now.
   
   A. **Yes, I have it!** [Good. Go to step 2.]
   
   B. **No, I can’t find it.** [Bummer. You’ll need to request the information.]

   Email L4S@hoby.org with the following:

   i. Subject: L4S Login Request
   
   ii. Your full name
   
   iii. Date of birth
   
   iv. Complete name of high school & high school city

2. Go to the L4S website at [www.hoby.org/L4S](http://www.hoby.org/L4S). (Directions contained in this document are for logging hours on the website.)

3. Enter your Username and Password.

4. Click Log In, and then you’re in!
UPDATE/KEEPING YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

1. Click Update Your Information.
2. Confirm or edit your email address. (Ensure your email is one you can access anytime and outside of school.)
3. Change your password to one you can remember.
4. Select a security question and enter an answer.
5. Confirm or edit all the remaining information we have for you on this page by clicking Edit in each section.
6. Be sure to save all your changes!

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Account

2. Edit Email: L45@hoby.org
3. Edit Password: ************
4. Edit Security Question: What is your favorite movie?
   Answer: ************

Personal

5. Edit Name: Hobyman Joe Alumni IX
   Maiden: Jane M Smith
   Birthday: 1/27/1970
   Gender: M
   Ethnicity: Caucasian
LOGGING YOUR SERVICE PROJECTS

Volunteer service hours must be logged within a Service Project(s). Service Projects contain all the details for HOBY to categorize and validate your service hours, like the organization’s name, location, and contact. When creating a Service Project, you can edit the “start date” and “end date” based on if the project is ongoing (i.e. bi-weekly, weekly, monthly, etc.).

1. On the Home Page, click Add a New Service Project.

2. Complete all the information for your Service Project. Please ensure the accuracy of all the information entered.

2 Add a Service Project

- **Project Name**: Beach Clean Up
- **Description**: Spent the day with the Preserve Santa Monica organization picking up litter and removing recyclable items from trash bins.
- **Start Date**: 4/30/2016
- **End Date**: 5/31/2016
- **Location**: Santa Monica Beach
  - For example: The 1st Street Park, Main Street Elementary School, etc.
- **City**: Santa Monica
- **State**: California
- **Supervising Contact**: Sunshine Navarre-Stevy
  - Enter all adult supervising contact information. This will be used by HOBY to verify your service hours.
- **Contact Email**: shreveps@hoby.org
- **Contact Phone**: 315-898-5980

If your service project takes place outside of the United States, use the space in the description box to clarify where it took place and provide any foreign contact numbers.
3. Follow the instructions to select a Service Area and Service Category.

4. Click Add Service Area.

5. Now click Add Project to save all the information.

**ADDING HOURS TO SERVICE PROJECTS**

Adding hours is how your Service Project(s) become eligible for the President’s Volunteer Service Award. It also eliminates additional data entry when performing volunteer hours for the same organization.

1. On the Home Page, click Log New Hours.

2. Select the Service Project from the dropdown options.

3. Enter all the information.

4. Click Add Hours. (Enter additional Service Projects and Volunteer Hours as needed.)

After entering your hours, your newly recorded hours are reflected in two places:
5. The Total Hours for the Service Project, and
6. The Total Service Hours to Date on the Home Page.

**Editing a Service Project**

Projects are sorted chronologically by date (oldest on top to most recent at the bottom). You may need to edit your Service Project if: a) the project becomes continuous; therefore, you will need to change the dates; or b) you made any mistakes entering information (e.g. the contact’s phone number, the service area, etc.).

1. In the Projects tab on the Home Page, find your Service Project and click Edit Project.

2. Make the necessary changes in the Service Project section.

3. Click Save.

**Viewing Hours in a Service Project**

Viewing hours in a service project allows you to see how many hours you logged each time you volunteered.

1. In the Projects tab, find the service project and click View Hours.

2. Your project will appear with all your hours for that project listed at the bottom. (You may have more individual hours than what is exemplified.)
3. At this point, you may also do any of the following:
   a. Add hours to your Service Project (follow directions in the section *Adding Service Hours*)
   b. Edit the Service Project (follow directions in the section *Editing a Service Project*)
   c. Delete the Service Project by clicking Delete.

Your Service Projects

Beach Clean Up

- Spent the day with the Presave Santa Monica organization picking up litter and removing recyclable items from trash bins.
- Santa Monica Beach
  Santa Monica, CA
- Contact
  Sunshine Munaro-Shively
  310-381-5960

**2 Hours Logged for "Beach Clean Up"**

**DELETING A SERVICE PROJECT OR VOLUNTEER HOURS**

1. In the Projects tab, find the service project and click:
   a. Delete to delete the project; or
   b. Delete Hours to delete the hours you’ve listed for your project.

*Note that you must delete all your volunteer hours first before you can delete an entire Service Project.*
FAQs

What do I get for completing 100+ hours of service?
There are three levels of awards based on the number of qualified hours served and logged in the L4S system:
• Bronze: 100-174 hours in one year
• Silver: 175 to 249 hours in one year
• Gold: 250+ hours in one year
• President’s Call to Service Award: 4,000 lifetime total

Your awards packet will reflect the level you achieved and will include:
• A certificate of recognition from HOBY.
• A letter from HOBY’s CEO to College Admissions Officers verifying your service hours.
• A congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.
• A certificate of recognition from the President of the United States.

You have until July 1st the year following your seminar to complete the challenge. For example, if you completed the seminar in June 2019, you have until July 1, 2020 (12 months) to complete the challenge. The one-year limit is required by the President’s Volunteer Service Award. L4S packets are processed shortly after the July 1st deadline and will be received by October of the same year.

Please Note that due to delays in processing brought on by dealing with COVID-19 all submission deadlines have been extended to December following the normally July 1st deadline.

For example:
• 2020 HOBY alumni have their junior year of high school to complete the challenge and log their hours by July 1, 2021 (Extended to December 1, 2021 due to COVID-19).
• 2019 HOBY alumni who don’t complete the challenge in their junior year, may start over and earn the award by logging 100 hours in their senior year, with a deadline of July 1, 2021 (Extended to December 1, 2021 due to COVID-19).

What activities qualify as community service?
Community service is any altruistic service in which you donate your time and energy without monetary or other benefits. Any service for which you are mandated, paid, or provided gifts are not considered community service.

Your service should affect your life and enhance the quality of life in your community. The range of possible community service activities is limitless. These are a few examples:
• Coordinate HOBY Community Leadership Workshops (CLeWs)
• Tutor elementary school students in reading and math
• Serve as a volunteer camp counselor for disabled children
• Read stories to seniors in retirement communities
• Volunteer at AIDS service organizations
• Coordinate car washes for local charities
• Serve on the board of a homeless shelter

HOBY also encourages you to go beyond doing community service to leading community service projects such as a CLeW. CLeWs are one-day workshops for high school freshmen designed to spark student leadership through leadership-building activities and motivational speakers. CLeWs are an excellent vehicle for rallying young people to do community service.

Has HOBY developed a guide that simply explains how to coordinate a CLeW event?
Yes! Please be in touch with your HOBY site to get started. Click here to find your state, and then click on your seminar site to get contact information.

Do HOBY CLeWs require school board approval?
HOBY seeks to obtain an endorsement of the CLeW program as a legitimate service learning opportunity from the National Association Secondary School Principals. This endorsement should help CLeW organizers meet any challenges relating to school board/school approval.

What do I do after I’ve completed my hours for the award?
Keep volunteering and keep logging more hours! At HOBY, we want to instill the value of lifelong service and leadership. Also, did you know you have a second opportunity to earn the awards packet during your senior year? After the July 1st L4S deadline following your junior year, you have another year (from July 2 to July 1) to earn a second awards packet. Will you surpass your previous level?

And finally, there is no time limit to complete the President’s Call to Service Award for 4,000 lifetime service hours. As long as you log your hours on our L4S website, we’ll keep them safe and submit them again once you’ve reached 4,000 hours. Good luck!