



## Time Extensions

Guide to Advancement Section, 9.0.4.0

Scout can not complete requirements before age of 18

- due to no choice or fault of Scout
- rarely granted and only for Eagle rank
- is a Life Scout (no exception to this policy)
- must meet three tests listed below

**Scout, parent/guardian, or unit may submit a request to council**

- When a time extension is requested, the Scout should continue working on the requirements until a final decision is delivered.

- On turning 18 years of age the Scout must register as an adult member of the BSA, using participant code UP, and complete Youth Protection Training to continue work on Eagle Scout requirements.

**Test # 1:** The member joined or rejoined (or became active again after a period of inactivity, or became refocused on advancement after a period of inattention) in time to complete all requirements before turning 18.

**Test # 2:** Through no fault or choice of the Scout, an unforeseen circumstance or life-changing event with severe consequences has come to exist that now precludes completion of the requirements before the deadline. Examples include, but are not limited to, a hospital stay, disabling injury, significant personal or family incident or issue, natural disaster, severe unseasonable weather, or the actions of others (see below, "Misinformation from adults in positions of authority"). If the circumstance is health related, it should have been unforeseen and of recent onset, or a complication or intensification of an ongoing issue.

**Test # 3:** The circumstance is beyond the control of the Scout, could not have been anticipated or planned for, and did not or cannot be resolved in time to complete the requirements.



**Council Advancement Committee Review**

Investigate the request and provide results to the council advancement committee. Time is of the essence - review and decision should be within 4-weeks.

Members of the council advancement committee thoroughly review and discuss the case and vote on it  
Provide a recommendation to the Scout Executive



**Scout Executive**

**Approval:** Letter sent to Scout, parent or guardian, unit leader and petitioner. Copy of letter must be attached to the Eagle Scout application when submitted to the council.

**Not Approved:** Letter sent to Scout, parent or guardian, unit leader and petitioner. Explain reasons for decision and how to appeal to the National Council.



**Appeal**

Scout or parent or guardian appeal by notifying council via letter or email explaining why the council's decision should be reversed and extension granted or if request is greater than six months