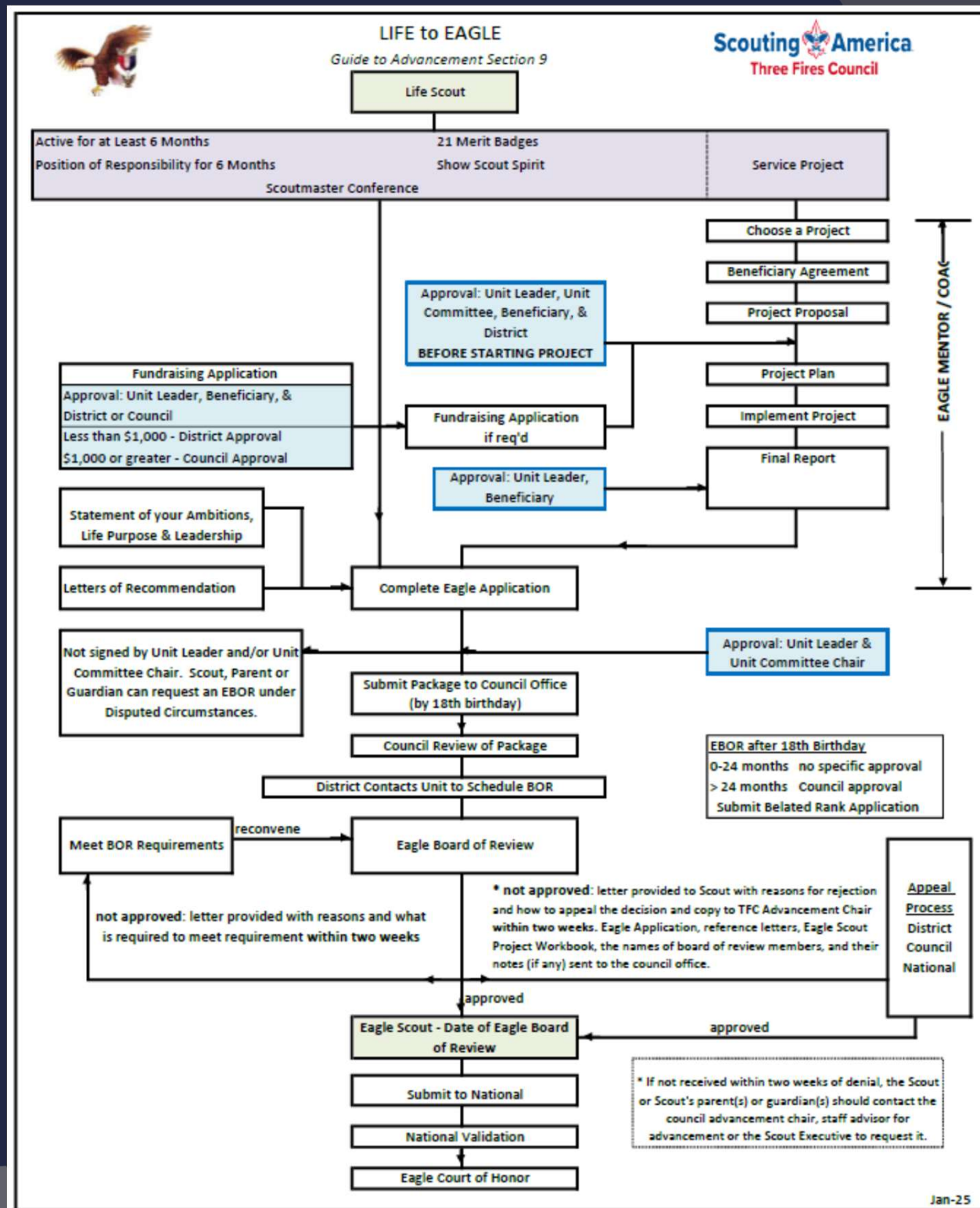


Three Fires Council Trail to Eagle



November 2025

Copy can be found on TFC Website



Eagle Scout Resources

Three Fires Council Website (threefirescouncil.org)



‘Advancement’ → ‘Life to Eagle’ – for all looking for information on trail to Eagle not just Eagle Scouts

- Council Advancement Committee
- Guide to Advancement 2025
- Guide to Safe Scouting 2024
- Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook , No. 2023a, Feb 2023
- Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 512-728, January 2025
- Eagle Scout Character Reference Letter

Life to Eagle - Three Fires Council

threefirescouncil.org/unit-resources/advancement-central/life-to-eagle/

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Life to Eagle

Dear Life Scout:

Congratulations on attaining the rank of Life Scout (link to TFC Letter to Life Scouts). You now have the opportunity to join the top percent of your fellow Scouts by successfully completing the requirements of the highest rank available to Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout rank is a life-long achievement that has always carried a special significance. College, business, the military, and community service leaders all respect an Eagle Scout for your accomplishment and what it represents. Only about 6% of all Scouts BSA earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Three Fires Council Advancement Committee developed guidelines to assist you. Be sure to read all instructions on the application and project workbook carefully and follow them exactly. Errors and omissions cause unnecessary delay. If you have any questions, check with your Scoutmaster or troop committee advancement chairman. If they cannot answer your questions, your district advancement chairman will be able to help you.

LIFE TO EAGLE TRAIL

- > Earn 21 Merit Badges
- > Show Scout Spirit
- > Life to Eagle Trail
- > 6-Months in a Qualified Position of Responsibility
- > Plan, Develop & Give Leadership in a Eagle Service Project
- > Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference
- > Submit a Completed Eagle Scout Rank Application including statement of your ambitions and life purpose and leadership, reference letters, and completed Eagle Scout Project Workbook before your 18th birthday
- > Successfully Complete your Board of Review

Trail to Eagle Workshop

Life to Eagle - Three Fires Council

threefirescouncil.org/unit-resources/advancement-central/life-to-eagle/

Some of the objectives covered are:

- Requirements
- Eagle Service Project
- Eagle Application/Package
- Boards of Review
- Special Needs Scouts
- Appeals

The following PDF is the slide show that goes along with the training.

Trail to Eagle PDF

TRAIL TO EAGLE

Trail to Eagle Workshop-2020

Bob Charles
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Eagle Rank Guidelines

- Current BSA Guide to Advancement
- TFC Life to Eagle Process Outline
- TFC Eagle Time Extension Request Process Outline
- TFC Eagle Time Extension Denied Request
- Appeal Process Outline
- TFC Appealing an Eagle Board of Review Decision Process Outline
- TFC Eagle Board of Review Under Disputed Circumstances Process

Eagle Project Workbook

- Current Eagle Workbook
- TFC Eagle Project Guide
- TFC Eagle Project Fundraising FAQ

Eagle Scout Rank Application

- Eagle Scout Rank Application
- TFC Eagle Package Content Checklist

Eagle Scout Character References

- TFC Reference Letter
- TFC Reference Letter FAQ

Guide to Advancement

Section 1 – Introduction

Section 2 – Advancement Defined

Section 3 – Guidelines for Advancement and Recognition Committees

Section 4 – The Mechanics of Advancement

Mechanics of Cub Scouting

Mechanics of Advancement in Scouts BSA

Mechanics of Advancement in Venturing

Mechanics of Advancement in Sea Scouts

Section 5 – Special Considerations

Section 6 – Electronic Advancement Reporting

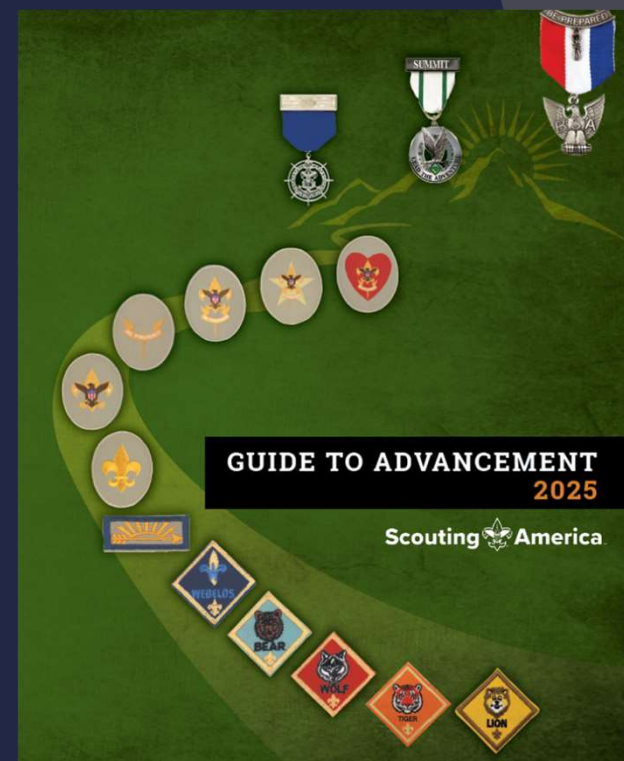
Section 7 – The Merit Badge Program

Section 8 – Boards of Review: An Overview for All Ranks

Section 9 – The Eagle Scout Rank

Section 10 – Advancement for Members with Special Needs

Section 11 – Appendix



Mandated procedures have words 'must' and 'shall'. No council, district, unit can deviate.

Recommended best practices use word like 'should', 'may or 'can'. Questions can be addressed to the council advancement chair/staff advisor.

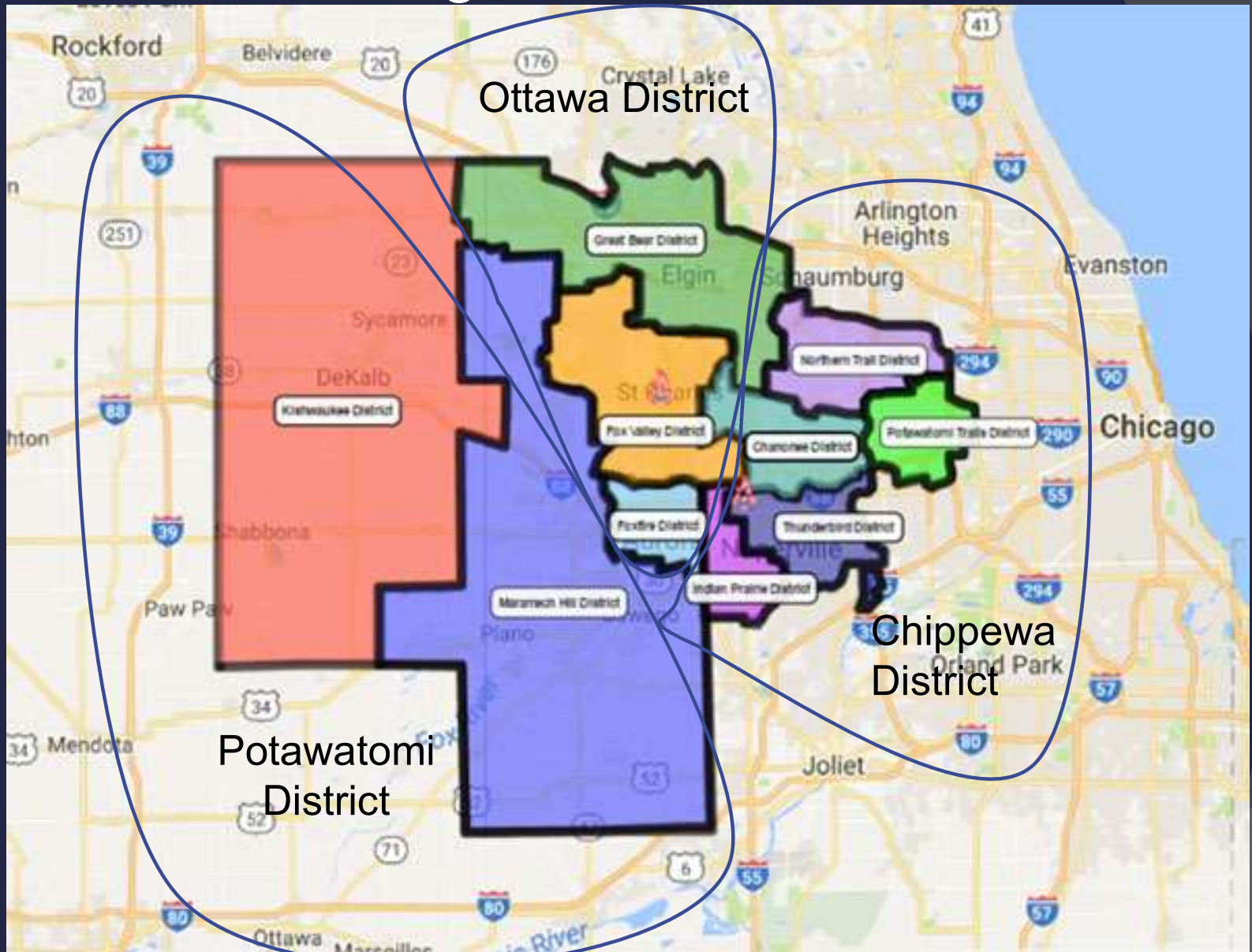
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TFC Neighborhood Areas



Requirements

- Be active in the unit for at least 6 months as a Life Scout
- Show Scout Spirit
- Earn 21 merit badges including 14 Eagle required ones (Community in Society Merit Badge was added as of July 1, 2022)
- While Life Scout serve actively for a period of 6 months in one or more positions of responsibility
- Plan, develop and provide leadership to others in a service project
- Take part in a Scoutmaster Conference

Eagle Scout Age

- Scouts can work on advancement from time of joining (minimum age is 10, but most at 11) to 18.
- No age limit on Scouts earning Eagle
 - New Scout to First Class (12 to 24 months)
 - Star: minimum of 4 months
 - Life: minimum of 6 months
 - Eagle: minimum of 6 months

28 to 40 months

Age of TFC Eagle Scouts in 2024		
Age	No.	Percent
14	2	1%
15	6	2%
16	26	10%
17	228	87%
Total	262	

Average Age – 17.7

Scout is Active

4.2.3.1 Active Participation

1. **The Scout is registered.** The youth is registered in the unit for at least the time period indicated in the requirement. It should also be indicated by the youth in some way, through word or action, that the youth considers himself or herself a member. If a youth was supposed to have been registered, but for whatever reason was not, discuss with the local council registrar the possibility of back-registering the youth.
2. **The Scout is in good standing.** Scouts are considered in "good standing" with a unit as long as they have not been dismissed or suspended for disciplinary reasons. Scouts must also be in good standing with the local council and Scouting America. (In the rare case a youth is not in good standing, communications will have been delivered.)
3. **The Scout meets the unit's reasonable expectations; or, if not, a lesser level of activity is explained.** If, for the time period required, a Scout or qualifying Venturer or Sea Scout meets those aspects of the unit's pre-established documented expectations that refer to a level of activity, then he or she is considered active and the requirement is met. Time counted as "active" need not be consecutive. Scouts may piece together any times they *have* been active and still qualify. If a Scout does not meet the unit's reasonable documented expectations, which were communicated in advance, the alternative that follows must be offered.

Scouting is a year-round program administered by the adult leaders. Units should not be taking time off during the summer or at other times of the year. Regardless of a unit's expectations or policy, if a unit takes time off, then that time must count toward the Scout's active participation requirement. The Scout must not be penalized because the unit has chosen not to meet or conduct other activities for a period of time.

Units are free to establish additional expectations on uniforming, supplies for outings, payment of dues, parental involvement, etc., but these and any other standards extraneous to the active participation must not be considered in evaluating this requirement.

If a Scout does not meet the unit's reasonable expectations, the alternative that follows must be offered.

Alternate

If a Scout does not meet unit's reasonable expectation for participation, the reason must be due to other positive endeavors or noteworthy circumstances. A Scout is still 'active' if the board of review agree that Scouting values have taken hold and being exhibited.

Scout Spirit

4.2.3.2 Demonstrate Scout Spirit

The ideals of Scouting America are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. Members incorporating these ideals into their daily lives at home, at school, in religious life, and in their neighborhoods, for example, are said to have *Scout spirit*. In evaluating whether this requirement has been fulfilled, it may be best to begin by asking the Scout to explain what Scout spirit, living the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and duty to God means to them. Young people know when they are being kind or helpful, or a good friend to others. They know when they are cheerful, or trustworthy, or reverent. All of us, young and old, know how we act when no one else is around.

“Scout spirit” refers to ideals and values;
it is not the same as “school spirit.”

REQUIREMENT 3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (required badges are listed). List the month, day, and year the merit badge was earned and the unit number it was earned in.

MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED			UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED			UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED			UNIT NO.
1 CAMPING					*8 EMERGENCY PREPARED- NESS OR LIFESAVING					15				
2 CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY					*9 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR SUSTAINABILITY					16				
3 CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION					10 FIRST AID					17				
4 CITIZENSHIP IN SOCIETY					*11 SWIMMING OR HIKING OR CYCLING					18				
5 CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD					12 PERSONAL MANAGEMENT					19				
6 COMMUNICATION					13 PERSONAL FITNESS					20				
7 COOKING					14 FAMILY LIFE					21				

***Cross out badges not earned.** If a crossed-out badge in #8, #9, or #11 was earned, it may be reentered in 15 through 21.

You must attach the Application for Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges for those merit badges earned in place of the Eagle required badge(s).

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

- Launched on Nov 1, 2021
- Required for Eagle as of July 1, 2022



Position of Responsibility

REQUIREMENT 4. While a Life Scout, serve actively in your unit for a period of six months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility. **List only those positions served after Life board of review date.**

Scout troop. Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, webmaster, outdoor ethics guide

Venturing crew. President, vice president, secretary, historian, den chief, treasurer, guide, quartermaster, chaplain aide, outdoor ethics guide

Sea Scout ship. Boatswain, boatswain's mate, purser, yeoman, storekeeper, crew leader, media specialist, specialist, den chief, chaplain aide

Lone Scout: Leadership responsibility in your school, religious organization, or club, or elsewhere in your community

Not earlier than Life BOR

Position _____

Position _____ *Positions should not overlap*

Date of Life Scout board of review

Month		Day		Year	

FROM

Month		Day		Year	

 TO

Month		Day		Year	

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4.2.3.4.6 "Responsibility" and "Leadership." Many suggest this requirement should call for a position of "leadership" rather than simply of "responsibility." Taking and accepting responsibility, however, is a key foundation for leadership. One cannot lead effectively without it. The requirement as written recognizes the different personalities, talents, and skill sets in all of us. Some seem destined to be "the leader of the group." Others provide quality support and strong examples behind the scenes. Without the latter, the leaders in charge have little chance for success. Thus, the work of the supporters becomes part of the overall leadership effort.

How is a "Month" Defined?

A month is a month regardless how many days it has. It is not defined as 30 days or four weeks. February 2 up to August 2, or August 31 up to February 28 (or 29th if leap year) are examples of six-month periods. Six months does not mean 180 days.



Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook



Eagle Scout candidate's full legal name

Please give a name to your project

Scouts who have already started preparing their workbook using the 2022 version may continue to use it. They do not need to redo it using the 2023 version. Scouts starting the process need to use the latest version.

Responsibilities

- Life Scout
- Parents
- Scoutmaster
- Life to Eagle Coordinator (Eagle Coach)
- Unit Committee
- District Advancement Committee
- Council Advancement Committee
- Council Office

Eagle Service Project

Plan, Develop and Demonstrate Leadership

➤ Eagle Requirement 5

While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting). A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the counsel or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No, 512-927, in meeting the requirement.

- Responsibility for the success belongs to the Scout and final evaluation rests with the board of review.

Eagle Service Project

Step 1 – Choose a Project

Step 2 – Initial Plan

Step 3 – Project Proposal Write-up

Step 4 – Project Approval

Step 5 – Fundraising

Step 6 - Project Final Plan

Step 7 – Work the Project

Step 8 – Final Write-up (Project Report)

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Eagle Service Project

Can be found on the TFC website



TFC Eagle Scout Project Guideline

While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an Organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 512-927.

— Eagle Scout requirement 5

The steps below are a tool as you follow the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, Scouting America publication No 512-927 (<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook>) and *Guide to Advancement*, 9.0.2.0, *The Eagle Scout Service Project* (<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>).

- Remember, this is YOUR project. The main purpose of the Eagle Project is to measure your ability to plan, organize, and provide leadership for a project.
- Start keeping a detailed logbook on your activities and the contacts you make while planning, organizing, and doing your Eagle Project work. This log will later be a section of your Eagle Project book.

Step 1 – Choose a Project

1. The project needs to provide the opportunity for you to demonstrate planning and leadership. You must plan the work, organize the personnel and materials needed, and direct the project to successful completion.
2. The project needs to be of significant duration to demonstrate planning and leadership. There is no established requirement for the number of people or time worked on a project.
3. Routine maintenance and routine labor are not normally considered appropriate for a project. This would be defined as a job or service that a Scout may provide as part of his or her daily life, or a routine maintenance job normally done by the beneficiary (for example, picking the weeds, mowing the lawn, cleaning). But the real test has to do with scale and impact. If "routine labor" is conducted on so large a scale it requires planning, development, and leadership, it may have sufficient impact.
4. Collection events must be of sufficient scale and complexity that the Scout will demonstrate the necessary planning and leadership expected of an Eagle Scout. Simple flyer distribution/pickup drives are not acceptable.
5. Choose a project that you will enjoy: Inside vs outside, construction, landscaping, refurbishment, collection)
6. Where to look; chartering organization, religious organization, park district, forest preserves, school, local city/town/village, not for profits (not businesses), organizations that help the needy, etc.

Step 2 – Initial Plan (Suggested)

1. Contact the Benefitting Organization Representative for your Eagle Project to discuss a project and ask for approval to do an Eagle Project for their organization.
2. Write-up a summary (about ½ page) describing the Project, the organization, summary of hours, and when it will be performed.
3. Set up a meeting with your Scoutmaster or Eagle Coordinator to discuss the initial plan.
4. Do not start the detailed proposal write-up (next steps) until the initial plan is approved.

Step 3 – Project Proposal Write-up

1. Set up meetings with the Benefitting Organization Representative for your Eagle Project. Discuss what you plan to do for your Eagle Project. Get information from them about things they want included in your project and anything they expect from you in completing the project.

Step 1 - Choose a Project

- A suitable project by which the Scout demonstrates planning and leadership.
- The Project benefits the community but can not be for a Scout Organization*. Service to others is a key principle.
**Note: It can be done for the Girl Scouts of America*
- The Project implementation needs to be of significant duration to demonstrate planning and leadership. **There is no established requirement for the number of people or time worked on a project.** For reference in 2024, 70% of Eagle Projects were greater than 100 hours. Average was 160 hours.
- Project may not be a fundraiser, but fundraising can be included to pay for materials, etc.
- The Project can not be routine labor of a job or service normally done (e.g. food drives, clean up at the forest preserve).

Step 1 - Choose a Project

- The Project needs to provide the opportunity for the Scout to demonstrate leadership. The Scout must plan the work, organize the personnel and materials needed, and direct the project to successful completion
- Choose a project that the Scout will enjoy
- What kinds of projects
 - Inside vs. outside
 - Landscape
 - Refurbishment
 - Construction
 - Collection
- Where to look
 - Chartering organization
 - Park district
 - Home & School, PTO, PTA
 - Not-for-profits - not businesses
 - Organizations that help the needy
 - Religious institution
 - Forest Preserves
 - Local city, town or village

Step 1 - Choose a Project

Beneficiaries for Past TFC Eagle Projects

Abbey Farms	Benedictine University	Cosley Zoo
Abbey Farms/Marmion Academy	Benet Academy	Crossroads Church
Addison VFW	Bethlehem Lutheran Child Development Center	Cup of Cold Water Ministries
Ahlstrand Park	Bethlehem Lutheran Church Preschool	DeKalb County Forest Preserve District
Alice Gustafson School	Between Friends Food Pantry	DeKalb Elks Lodge #765
Alleluia Lutheran Church	Big Rock Plowing Match Association	DeKalb Park District
American Legion Post 675	Blue Bird Day	District 93
American Legion Post 76	Calvary Episcopal Church	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Anderson Animal Shelter	Campton Township	DuPage County Forest Preserve
Anderson Humane	Campton Township Open Spaves	Dupage County Sheriff
Animal House Shelter	Carriers of Light	DuPage Forest Preserve
Audobon Society	Chance for Sports	DuPage Forest Preserve - East branch
Aurora Animal Shelter	Chapelstreet Church	Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley
Aurora Public Library West Branch	Chicago Area Track and Field organizing committee	Edison Middle School
Bark of an Angel Dog Rescue, Inc	Chicago Zoological Society	Elburn Lions Club
Bartlett Public Library	College Preparatory School of America	Eldridge Park
Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry	Community Nutrition Network / Meals on Wheels	Elgin High School
Batavia Moose Lodge	Community United Methodist Church	Elmhurst - Yorkfield Food Pantry
Batavia Park District	Congregation Beth Shalom	Elmhurst Park District
Ben Franklin Elementary School	Conservation Foundation	Elmhurst YMCA

Step 1 - Choose a Project

Beneficiaries for Past TFC Eagle Projects

Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church	Glen Ellyn Park District	Islamic Center of Kane County
F.I.S.H. Food Pantry	Glen Oaks School	Izaak Walton League
Farmington on the Fox Association	Good Templar Park	Joiner Cemetery Restoration Committee
Fine Line Creative Arts Center	Grace Community Christian Church	K.A.R.E. for Wildlife
First Baptist of Big Rock	Granger Middle School	Kane County Animal Control
First Congregational Church of Dundee	Gregory Middle School	Kane County Forest Preserve
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County	Hampshire Park District	Kendall County Food Pantry
Forest Preserve District Will County	Hanson Center	Kendall County Forest Preserve District
Forest Preserve of DuPage County	Hawthorne Elementary School	Kingsley Elementary School
Fox Knoll Retirement Home	HBT Elementary School	Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association
Fox Valley Christin Action	Hesed House	Kishwaukee YMCA
Fox Valley Park District	Hickory Knolls Discovery Center	Knox Presbyterian Church
Fox Valley Wildlife Center	Highlands Elementary School	Korean Cultural Center of Chicago
Friends of the Viking Ship	Hinsdale Humane Society	Lambert Lake
Garfield Farm	Holy Angels Parish	Lambert Lake Nature Preserve
Garfield Farm Museum	Hope D. Wall School	Lambert Lake Village of Glen Ellyn
Genoa Park District	ICNA Relief	LED Rite, LLC
Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois	Immanuel Presbyterian Church	LeRoy Oakes
Giving Light of Hope	Indivisible Aurora	Lincoln Junior High
Glen Ellyn Food Pantry	ISCON Temple of Greater Chicago	Lockport Cemetery Associaton

Step 1 - Choose a Project

Beneficiaries for Past TFC Eagle Projects

Lombard Park District	Neuqua Valley High School	Sai Baba Temple
Lurie Children's Hospital, Ped. Hem. & Onc. Dept.	North Aurora Baseball Association	Sandburg Elementary
Madison Early Childhood Center	Oak Brook Public Library	Sandburg Middle School
Mantellate Sisters Servants of Mary	One Room School	SCARCE
Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry	Oswego East High School	School District 127 Early Childhood Center
Marklund	Oswegoland Park District	Share Your Soles
Marklund Hyde Center	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church	South Elgin Rehab & Health Center
Marmion Academy	Phillips Park Zoo	St. Catherine of Siena Church
McCarty Elementary	Pioneer TOT project	St. Charles North High School Auto Dept.
Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans	Plank Junior High School	St. Charles Park District
Moose Lodge	Plato Township	St. Charles Township Cemeteries
Mooseheart Child City and School	Price of Peace Lutheran Church	St. Francis High School
Morton Arboretum	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	St. Gall Catholic Church
Museums at Lisle Station Park	Project Linus Organization	St. James Farm
Mutual Ground	Ray Graham Association	St. John the Apostle Church
Nanct Young Elementary	Ray Graham Association Hanson Center	St. Joseph Catholic Church
Naperville Area Humane Society	RITAS Ministry	St. Luke Presbyterian Church
Naperville Central High School Athletics Department	River Glen Presbyterian Church	St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Naperville North High School	Roosevelt-Aurora Americal Legion Post 84	St. Mary's Catholic Church & School
Naperville Park District	Roselle Fire Department	St. Mary's Church

Step 1 - Choose a Project

Beneficiaries for Past TFC Eagle Projects

St. Peter Food Pantry
St. Thomas the Apostle
Sugar Grove Food Pantry
Sugar Grove Library
Sugar Grove United Methodist Church
Sugar Grove Untied Methodist Church
Suicide Prevention Services
Tabor Hills Helathcare Facility
Tails Humane Society
Tall Grass Lightning Swim and Water Polo Team
The Conservation Foundation
The Conservation Foundation at McDonald Farm
The Morton Arboretum
The Morton Arboretum - Little Trees
Tiny Voice Therapy Services
Traughber Junior High School
Trinity Church
U-46 Planetarium
VASA Park
Versiti Blood Center

VFW Hall
VFW Post 1197
VFW Post 2164
Village Links
Village of Elburn
Village of Hampshire
Village of Waterman
Von Oven Park Scouting Reservation
Von Oven Scout Reservation
Waubonsie Valley High School
Wayne Historical Preservation Society
Wayside Cross Ministries
We Care Pregnancy Clinic
Wellspring United Methodist Church
West Aurora High School
Wolf's Crossing Elementary School
YMCA of Elmhurst
York Community High School
Yorkville Christian High School
Yorkville School District - Y115
Zion Concord Lutheran School
Zion Lutheran Church



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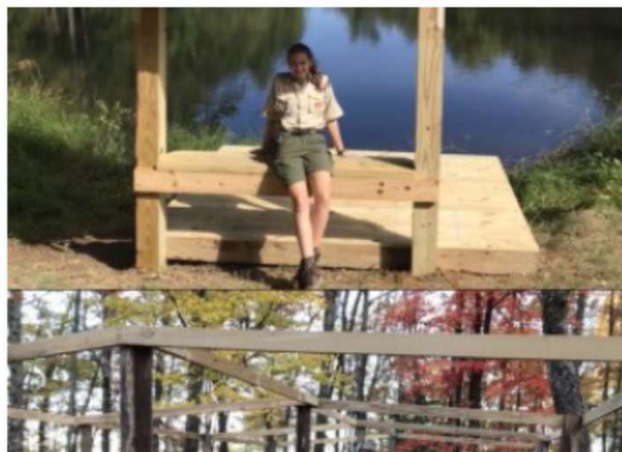
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RECENTLY ADDED EAGLE PROJECTS

<https://eagleprojects.boyslife.org/>



Restored Community Baseball Field



Fish Ports for YMCA Camp



Replaced Broken Sign at Park

VIEW EAGLE PROJECTS BY CATEGORY

ANIMAL PROJECTS **ANIMAL SHELTER PROJECTS** **BENCH PROJECTS** **BIRD PROJECTS**

BRICK PROJECTS **BRIDGE PROJECTS** **CAMPGROUND PROJECTS** **CAMP PROJECTS** **CEMETERY PROJECTS**

CHARITY PROJECTS **CHURCH PROJECTS** **CLASSROOM PROJECTS** **COMMEMORATIVE PROJECTS**

CONSERVATION PROJECTS **DISABILITY PROJECTS** **DOG PROJECTS** **EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS**

FENCE PROJECTS **FLAGPOLE PROJECTS** **FLAG PROJECTS** **FOOD PANTRY PROJECTS** **GAGA BALL PROJECTS**

GARDEN PROJECTS **HISTORICAL PROJECTS** **HISTORIC SITE PROJECTS**

LANDSCAPING PROJECTS **MEMORIAL PROJECTS** **MUSIC PROJECTS**



Boys' Life EAGLE PROJECT

S H O W C A S E

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Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year

2021 Central Region winner: Logan Goodbred of Three Fires Council, who led a team that created a memorial for first responders



2022 Territory 6 winner: Zain Dhatwani of Three Fires Council International program in which 100 participants and international professionals from U.S., UAE, UK, Pakistan, and Kenya engaged in discussions on various topics: discrimination, service, leadership, pluralism, and took part in community engagement and leadership. The program became a permanent program at Glenbard West High School.

Step 2 - Initial Plan - Suggested

- Write-up a summary (about ½ page) describing the Project, the organization, summary of hours, and when it will be performed.
- Set up a meeting or call with Scoutmaster or Eagle Coordinator to discuss the initial plan.
- **Do not do the detailed proposal write-up (next steps) until the initial plan is approved**

Step 3 - Project Proposal Write-up

- Link from Three Fires Council Website (www.threefirescouncil.org)
- Only use the latest workbook –Feb 2023a.
Scouts who have already started preparing their workbook using the 2022 version may continue to use it.
- Done on the computer (pdf fillable).
Additional pages can be added as required.
- The proposal is an overview and the beginning of the project.

Step 3 - Project Proposal Write-up

The proposal includes (see workbook):

- Project Description and Benefit
- Giving Leadership: Giving leadership to others means at least two people besides the Scout.
- Materials
- Supplies
- Tools
- Permits and Permissions
- Preliminary Cost Estimate
- Project Phases
- Logistics
- Safety Issues
- Further Planning

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➤ Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities

➤ Service Project Planning Checklist

➤ SAFE Project Tool Use

➤ Ladder Safety Moment



Service Project Planning Checklist

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities is our top priority. This checklist can be used for all Scouting service projects (Order of the Arrow, Distinguished Conservation Service Award, Eagle Scout, and individual or unit service). The checklist is not an added requirement for an Eagle Scout service project.

If it is not practical to meet these protocols, do not conduct the activity or service project.



SAFE Project Tool Use

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities is our top priority. This document outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders and other volunteers must consider for Scouting service projects that include the use of tools. It is not intended to cover the use of tools integrated into advancement requirements (i.e., merit badges, handbooks, or adventures).

If it is not practical to meet these protocols, do not conduct the activity or service project.



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Resources

SAFE: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/>

SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-027.pdf>

Prohibited Activities (See numbers 16 & 17): <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/#b>

Ladder Safety Moment: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/ladder-safety/>

Portable Hand and Power Tools Checklist (NIOSH): <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-101/chklsts/r1n50p~1.htm>

Age Requirements for Tools

[Guide to Safe Scouting, Feb 2024]

Leaders must follow the most restrictive and protective guidelines. This table is not comprehensive; tool or equipment manufacturer's safety literature about age and skills restrictions will supersede the recommendations. If in doubt, properly trained/and/or experienced adults should be recruited for all tool use or job functions that might be hazardous or dangerous.

Example – Toro safety instructions states snowblowers not to be operated by children

AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES—PROJECT TOOL USE	 Lions / Tigers with Adult Partner	 Wolf / Bear	 Webelos	 Scouts BSA	Older Scouts BSA* Sea Scouts Venturers
Yard Tools					
Rakes, hoes, shovels, small clippers, handheld (gardening) shovels, trowels		✓	✓	✓	✓
Pickaxes, mattocks, post-hole diggers, carts, dollies, wheelbarrows				✓	✓
Lawn mowers, line trimmers, edgers, hedge trimmers					✓
Riding mowers, tractors, or other equipment					Adult Use Only
Chain saws (21+ years old with proper training**), log splitters, woodchippers					Adult Use Only
Wood- and Metal-Working Tools					
Hammers, screwdrivers, wood sanding blocks		✓	✓	✓	✓
Pocket or wood-carving knives***		Bear only	✓	✓	✓
Handsaws, wood chisels, wood planes, brace and bits				✓	✓
Small, handheld electric screwdrivers and palm sanders				✓	✓
Belt or large sanders (electric or cordless)					✓
Welder****; circular, reciprocating, or radial saws; band or scroll saws; routers and planers; metal grinders; pressure washers; drill presses; branding irons					Adult Use Only
Painting					
Handheld paint brushes		✓	✓	✓	✓
Paint rollers			✓	✓	✓
Paint rollers with extensions				✓	✓
Paint sprayers					✓
Elevated Work					
Ladders or step stools (limited to the first 3 steps only)					✓
Ladders or scaffold (4 feet or higher requires fall protection)					Adult Use Only

* older Scouts BSA members are age 13 and have completed eighth grade or are 14 years old and up

** chain-saw training must meet (a) a state or federally recognized chain saw training course approved by the council; or (b) the BSA Chain Saw Basic Training course, No. 430-136

*** requires the youth to have earned the Whittling Chip or Totin' Chip

**** Welding merit badge participation is exempt

Service Project Planning Checklist

[Guide to Safe Scouting, Feb. 2024]



Service Project Planning Checklist

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities is our top priority. This checklist can be used for all Scouting service projects (Order of the Arrow, Distinguished Conservation Service Award, Eagle Scout, and individual or unit service). The checklist is not an added requirement for an Eagle Scout service project.

If it is not practical to meet these protocols, do not conduct the activity or service project.

Service Project Description: _____

Project Plan/Steps to Complete: _____

Supervision—Youth are supervised by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety.

- ☐ On-site supervision
- ☐ Required training, certifications, experience, and skills
- ☐ Monitor all work and tool use

Assessment—Activities are assessed for risk during planning.

- ☐ Site hazards (power lines, trees/bushes, heights)
- ☐ Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- ☐ Site access, material delivery, parking, permissions/permits
- ☐ Weather/environment contingencies and communications
- ☐ Work hours, including breaks
- ☐ Food/water/hygiene needs

Fitness and Skills—Participants' Annual Health and Medical Records are reviewed, and leaders have confirmed that prerequisite fitness and skill levels exist for participants to take part safely.

- ☐ [Annual Health and Medical Record](#)
- ☐ Training needed
- ☐ [SAFE Project Tool Use](#)

Equipment and Environment—Safe and appropriately sized equipment, courses, camps, campsites, trails, or playing fields are used properly. Leaders periodically check gear use and the environment for changing conditions that could affect safety.

- ☐ Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- ☐ Tools and equipment available
- ☐ First aid supplies
- ☐ Weather forecast and conditions
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Project area reviewed for safety concerns

If there are any incidents:

1. Take care of the injured/find a safe place.
2. Preserve and document the evidence. Take photos if appropriate.
3. Immediately complete an incident report and notify your local council.
For more information, go to www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/.

Resources

Guide to Safe Scouting: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>

SAFE: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/>

Height and Excavation Requirements

[Guide to Safe Scouting, Feb. 2024]

All work at any elevation 4 feet or higher is prohibited for any youth. The first three steps of a step stool or ladder may be appropriate for older Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouts.

Work below grade that includes trenching or excavations (2 feet deep or more) is not appropriate for projects. Below-grade work such as shallow foundations, post holes, or trail work is appropriate if using hand tools for youth — no powered tools — provided all underground utilities are clear of the area.

Step 3 - Project Proposal Write-up

- The proposal need only be detailed enough to show a reviewer that the Scout can meet the following:
 - It provides sufficient opportunity to meet the Eagle Scout service project requirement: plan, develop and show leadership.
 - It appears to be feasible
 - Safety issues will be addressed (Guide to Safe Scouting)
 - Action steps for further detailed planning are included
 - The Scout is on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience.

Step 4 – Project Approval

- Organization for which the Project is being done
- Scoutmaster
- Committee
- District
- **Do not** start the project until the District has approved the Project. The Scout could be requested to do another project.

Step 4 – Project Approval

Candidate's Promise*

Sign below before you seek the other approvals for your proposal.

On my honor as a Scout, I have read this entire workbook, including the "Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians" on page 4. I promise to be the leader of this project, and to do my best to carry it out for the maximum benefit to the religious institution, school, or community I have chose as beneficiary.

Signed	Date
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** Remember: Do not begin any work on your project, or raise any money, or obtain any materials, until your project has been approved.*

Unit Leader Approval*

I have reviewed this proposal and discussed it with the candidate. I believe it provides impact worthy of an Eagle Scout service project, and will involve planning, development and leadership. I am comfortable the Scout understands what to do, and how to lead the effort. I will see that the project is monitored, and that adults or others present will not overshadow him.

Signed	Date
Name (Printed)	

Unit Committee Approval*

This Eagle Scout candidate is a Life Scout, and registered in our unit. I have reviewed this proposal, I am comfortable the project is feasible, and I will do everything I can see that our unit measures up to the level of support we have agreed to provide (if any). I certify that I have been authorized by our unit committee to provide its approval for this proposal.

Signed	Date
Name (Printed)	

Beneficiary Approval*

This service project will provide significant benefit, and we will do all we can to see it through. We realize funding on our part is not required, but we have informed the Scout of the financial support (if any) to which we have agreed. We understand any fund raising the Scout conducts will be in our name and that funds left over will come to us if we are allowed to accept them. We will provide receipts to donors as required.

Our Eagle Candidate has provided us a copy of "Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project, Information for Project Beneficiaries."

Yes _____ No _____

Signed	Date
Name (Printed)	

Council or District Approval

I have read topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15, regarding the Eagle Scout service project, in the *Guide to Advancement*, No. 33088. I agree on my honor to apply the procedures as written, and in compliance with the policy on "Unauthorized Changes to Advancement." Accordingly, I approve this proposal. I will encourage the candidate to prepare a project plan and share it with the designated project coach.

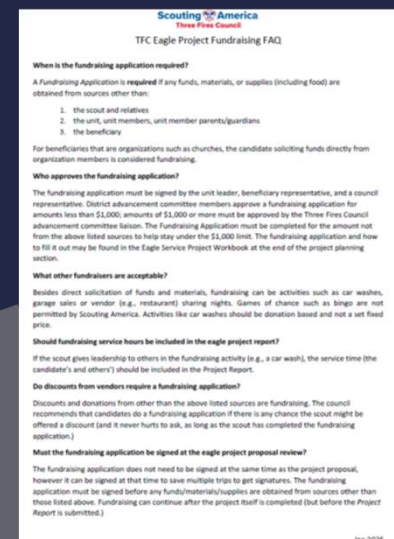
Signed	Date
Name (Printed)	

** While it makes sense to obtain approvals in the order they appear, there shall be no required sequence for the order of obtaining those approvals marked with an asterisk (*). Council or district approval, however, must come after the others.*

Step 5 – Fundraising for the Project

- Eagle Scout service projects may not be fundraisers.
- Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials, and otherwise facilitating a project
- If the effort involves contributions from the beneficiary, the candidate, parents or relatives, units or chartered organization, or from parents or members from the unit then a fundraising application is not required.
- If the candidate's plan involves contributions from other than above, then a fundraising application must be completed.

TFC Eagle Project Fundraising FAQ – on TFC Website



Step 5 – Fundraising for the Project

- Fundraising application steps:
 1. Complete the application by candidate
 2. Approval from project beneficiary and unit leader
 3. Submit to district advancement committee (same individual who approves the project proposal) at least two weeks in advance of fundraising activities.
Best to have it when the Scout meets with the district for the project proposal approval.
 4. Approval by district or council is required before starting fundraising
- Only need one application even if soliciting contributions from multiple organizations,
- Any internet fundraising account (e.g. GoFundMe) must be set up and owned by the beneficiary not the Scout.

Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application

Before filling out this application, it is important to read "Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising." This can be found on the next page: "Fundraising Application Page B." Once completed, you must obtain approval from the project beneficiary and your unit leader, and then submit the fundraising application to your council service center at least two weeks in advance of your fundraising efforts. You will be contacted if it cannot be approved or if adjustments must be made. Use this form, not the Unit Money-Earning Application.

Eagle Scout Candidate

Name:		Preferred telephone(s):	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Email Address:			
Check One: ☐ Troop ☐ Crew ☐ Ship		Unit Number:	
Name of District:		Name of Council:	

Project Beneficiary

(Name of religious institution, school or community)

Name:		Preferred telephone(s):	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Email Address:			

Project Beneficiary Representative

(Name of contact person for the project beneficiary)

Name:		Preferred telephone(s):	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Email Address:			

Describe how funds will be raised:

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Proposed date the service project will begin:

Proposed dates for the fundraising efforts:

How much money do you expect to raise?

If people or companies are asked for donations of money, materials, supplies, or tools, how will this be done and who will do it?*

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*You must attach a list of prospective donor names and what they will be asked to donate. This is not required for an event like a car wash.

Are any contracts to be signed? If so, by whom?

Contract detail(s):

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Caution: Using an Adobe or other PDF reader to insert a "signature" can cause this entire document's contents to be locked preventing future edits; make sure you save a copy if any signatures will be inserted digitally.

Approvals

The beneficiary and unit leader sign below, in any order, before authorized council approval is obtained.

Beneficiary		Unit Leader		Authorized Council Approval*	
Signature	Date	Signature	Date	Signature	Date

Less than \$1,000 – approved by district

\$1,000 and greater – approved by council

Step 6 – Project Final Plan

- The final plan is developed and completed after the proposal has been approved.
- The Scout is responsible for developing the final plan.
- The final plan in the Project Workbook provides a good guide and is recommended. Alternate planning tools may be used if adequately demonstrates the requirement for 'planning'.
- Each unit should have an Eagle (Advisor) Project Coach to work with the Scout in developing the final plan.
- The Scout is strongly encouraged to work with an Eagle Coach (Eagle Advisor), but it is not required. The Coach can help avoid problems and thus improve the chance of passing the Eagle board of review. The Coach shall not have the authority to dictate changes or withdraw approval.
- There is no additional approval authority from Coach, Unit, or District prior to the Scout implementing the project.

Step 6 – Project Final Plan

The final plan should include:

- Comments From Your Proposal Review
- Project Description and Benefit – Changes From the Proposal
- Present Condition of Situation
- Project Phases
- Work Process
- Permits and Permissions
- Materials
- Supplies
- Tools
- Expenses (discussion on fundraising discussed next)
- Giving Leadership
- Logistics
- Safety
- Contingency Plans
- Comments From Your Project Coach About Your Final Plan

Step 7 - Work the Project

- The Scout demonstrates leadership by directing the project
- The Scout does **not do** the project
- A Scoutmaster, parent, organization **does not** take over and lead the project
- Adults (especially parents) are there to help and take direction. Remember it is the Scout's project.
- Not all projects go according to plan – there will most likely be rework, hopefully not major, but it has happened. This is not a failure, it an opportunity for learning
- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program appropriate supervision must always be provided. Youth Protection Policy
- Parent(s) and only their child involved in Project activities (e.g. planning, meeting with businesses, etc.) do not require two registered leaders.

Step 8 - Final Write-up

- This is completed after the project has been finished.
- The project report includes (see workbook):
 - Summary
 - Changes
 - Leadership
 - Materials, Supplies, Tools
 - Service Project Data
 - Funding
 - Photos and Other Documentation

Eagle Project Service Hours

Entering Service Project Data

The BSA collects information on the hours worked on Eagle Scout service projects* because it points to achievement of our citizenship aim. To assist with the data collection, please refer to your list of people who helped and the number of hours they worked. Then please provide the information requested below. Include hours spent doing planning under Total Hours Worked.

Be sure to include yourself, and the time spent on planning.

	Number of Workers	Total Hours Worked	
The Eagle Scout Candidate - Planning Hours	1	8	= 8
The Eagle Scout Candidate - Execution Hours	1	12	= 12
Registered BSA youth members	6	12	= 72
Other youth (brothers, sisters, friends, etc., who are not BSA members)	2	8	= 16
Registered BSA adult Scouting volunteers and leaders	2	12	= 24
Other adults (parents, grandparents, etc., who are not BSA members)	1	8	= 8
Grand Total of Hours (enter here and on your Eagle Scout Rank Application)			140

*There is no requirement for a minimum number of hours that must be worked on an Eagle Scout service project.

If you have been told you must meet a minimum number of hours then you may lodge a complaint with your district or council. If you have given leadership to an otherwise worthy project and are turned down by your board of review solely because of a lack of hours, you should appeal the decision.

REQUIREMENT 5. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.

Project name: _____

Grand total of hours: 140 (from *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*—for statistical purposes only)

Date project finished

Month	Day	Year			

Step 9 – Approval for a Completed Project

- Signature by the Organization for which the Project is being done
- Signature by the Scoutmaster
- Final approval of the Project is the responsibility of the Eagle Board of Review.

Candidate's Promise

On my honor as a Scout, I was the leader of my Eagle Scout service project and completed it as reported here.

Signed:

Date:

Completion Approvals

In my opinion, this Eagle Scout service project meets Eagle Scout requirement 5, as stated on page 4 of this workbook.

Beneficiary name:

Unit leader name:

Signed:

Date:

Signed:

Date:

Project Not Approved – What to Do?

If the unit leader or project beneficiary does not approve the project?

- The candidate may be requested to do more work.
- If the candidate believes that the project as completed meets Requirement 5 then the unapproved project workbook can be submitted with the Eagle Scout Rank Application.
- The Eagle Board of Review will review and determine if the project meets Requirement 5.
 - If not approved and the Scout before his or her 18th birthday can benefit to properly complete the requirements the board may adjourn and reconvene
 - If the Scout does not agree an appeal may be submitted

Step 10 - Acknowledge

- Take time to acknowledge and thank anyone special, the people that gave you that extra bit of support
- Acknowledge your sponsor, the person who guided you as a mentor, the people and organizations that donated money and materials, and your friends who volunteered their time

Scoutmaster Conference

Scoutmaster is responsible for insuring Eagle candidate has completed all requirements

- Active
- Scout Spirit
- Position of Responsibility
- Leadership demonstrated during Eagle Project
- Earn 21 merit badges

Note: if the Scoutmaster or Unit Committee does approve the Scout and cannot come to resolution, the Scout or parent may request an Eagle BOR under disputed circumstances.

Submittal to Council (by 18th Birthday)

- Completed Eagle Scout Application
 - Signed by unit leader
 - Signed by unit committee after review and approval of the Scout's record
- The Eagle Scout Service Project with all signatures
- 4 Sealed Letters of Recommendation, mailed to the '*individual designated by the unit*' from:
- Ideas for letter writers
 - Religious
 - Educational
 - Employer
- Adults who know Scout – neighbors, family friends, etc.
- Should know Scout for several years
 - Parents/guardians (strongly discouraged)
 - Current unit leader & committee chair are not eligible.



envelope

Scout Name
Eagle Reference Letter
Educator

Eagle Packet Checklist (found on TFC website)



Three Fires Council - Eagle Package Contents Checklist

The completed Eagle Scout package is turned in at either the Naperville or Norris (St. Charles) Scout Shop by a troop representative (not the candidate or his parents) before the candidate's 18th birthday. The Norris Scout Shop will do an initial verification of the package for completeness, issue a receipt, and forward the package to the Three Fires Council office for verification. The Naperville store, which is a Scouting America National store, will issue a receipt and forward the package to the Three Fires Council office for verification (e.g., no initial verification).

The TFC office will verify that the package is complete with all appropriate signatures. If not, the unit will be contacted to clarify and/or provide the missing information/signatures. Once verified, the package is forwarded to the TFC district advancement committee to arrange for the Eagle Board of Review.

The Eagle Scout Package consists of:

- A. Eagle Scout Rank Application (No. 512-728) including letters of reference and the candidate's life ambition statement and listing of activities where the Scout has demonstrated leadership.
- B. Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (No. 512-927) including;
 - Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal
 - Eagle Scout Service Project Plan
 - Eagle Scout Fundraising Project Fundraising Report (if applicable)
 - Eagle Scout Service Project Report
- C. Eagle Scout Time Extension Request Approval Documents (if applicable)

The following checklist is to be used to assemble and complete the Eagle Scout Package. It is signed by the unit and included when the Eagle Scout Package is submitted.

A. Eagle Scout Application

- ☐ Your original, Eagle Scout application (*Eagle Scout Application No. 512-728*). The latest version of the Eagle Scout fillable PDF application should be used. All information is typed and legible. Scouts starting the process need to use the latest version.
- ☐ Use your "full legal name" (including middle). Do not use any initials. If you do not have a middle name, please identify here.
- ☐ Full dates must be used where requested – month, day, and year.
- ☐ Date you joined the Scout troop should be the date of your first troop meeting – not the date you earned your Scout badge (unless it happens to be the same).
- ☐ The dates for your 1st Class, Star and Life ranks must be your actual Board of Review dates, not the dates of your courts of honor.
- ☐ There must be "at least four months" between First Class and Star rank.
- ☐ Be active as a Life Scout for at least six months (*Requirement 1*). There must be "at least six months" between Star and Life rank.

Three Fires Council - Eagle Package Contents Checklist



- ☐ As a Life Scout, demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. (*Requirement 2*). Submit "sealed" letters of reference from all the people whose names you wrote on the front of your application as references. Place sealed reference letters inside the front cover of your binder (clipped to the cover or in the pocket).

These should be added by the troop representative after the rest of the package has been assembled by the candidate (the candidate and his parents should never have access to the letters, even though unopened.)

Four reference letters are required. The references are meant to display a full picture of the candidate; it is encouraged to request letters from more than one aspect of the candidate's life and not all be picked from the same (i.e. 1 reference from Scouting, 1 reference from religious institution, 1 reference from youth sports, 1 reference from education, 1 reference from an employer, or 1 reference from another relationship.) **Parents and other relatives are strongly discouraged** from serving as references. The current unit leader and committee chair are not eligible to serve as references; their signature on the application is their endorsement.

Earn 21 merit badges (*Requirement 3*).

- ☐ The four "required" merit badges you earned for your Star rank, and the three "required" merit badges you earned for your Life rank, must be among the twenty-one badges you list on your application.
- ☐ No merit badges should have a date earlier than your joining date.
- ☐ Make sure you fill in the unit number where you earned each merit badge.
- ☐ For merit badge numbers 8, 9 and 11, cross out the badges not used.
- ☐ You must have served six months in (one or more) of the listed positions of responsibility since earning your Life rank (*Requirement 4*). Indicate the position(s) held and complete dates. Do not count time in a leadership position before the date you received Life rank or after the date you sign the Eagle application. You must have served in the position(s) for at least a total of six months while a Life Scout, the time need not be continuous, but overlapping positions may not be double counted.
- ☐ Service Project (*Requirement 5*). Make sure the Grand Total of Hours on the Eagle Application matches the grand total in the "Entering Service Project Data" section of the Eagle Scout Project Report.



EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION

TO THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICANT. This application is to be submitted after you have completed all requirements for the Eagle Scout rank. Print in ink or type all information. List the month, day, and year for all dates. When you have completed this application, sign it and submit it to your unit leader.

COUNCIL MUST COMPLETE	
COUNCIL NO.	TYPE OF UNIT
CST	UNIT NO.
PID NO. (REQUIRED)	
POSTHUMOUS: ☐	

FULL NAME

Street address or P.O. box _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Telephone (including area code) _____ Email _____

Troop, crew, ship, or Lone Scout Unit No. _____

Unit City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Date joined Scouts BSA _____
Date joined a Venturing crew _____
Date joined a Sea Scout ship _____
Date of First Class Scout board of review _____
Date of Star Scout board of review _____

Were you a Cub Scout? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Were you a Webelos Scout? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Did you earn the Arrow of Light Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Had you completed fifth grade upon joining? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Month (mm)	Day (dd)	Year (yy)

AGE REQUIREMENT ELIGIBILITY. Merit badges, badges of rank, and Eagle Palms may only be earned by registered Scouts, and qualified Venturers and Sea Scouts. They may earn these awards until their 18th birthday. Any Venturer or Sea Scout who achieved the First Class rank in a Scout troop or as a Lone Scout may continue working for the Star, Life, and Eagle Scout ranks and Eagle Palms while registered as a Venturer or Sea Scout up to their 18th birthday. Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts who have completed all requirements prior to their 18th birthday may be reviewed within 24 months after that date with no explanation. Refer to the Guide to Advancement, No. 33086, section 8.0.3.1, for boards of review beyond that period.

A Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout approved to be registered beyond the age of eligibility may work toward Scouts BSA rank advancement after their 18th birthday. See the Guide to Advancement, section 10.0.0.0, for details.

REQUIREMENT 1. Be active in your troop, crew, or ship for at least six months as a Life Scout.

REQUIREMENT 2. As a Life Scout, demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life and tell how you have done your duty to God. List the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

#	Name	Address (including City, State, Zip)	Telephone	Email
#1				
#2				
#3				
#4				

REQUIREMENT 3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (required badges are listed). List the month, day, and year the merit badge was earned and the unit number it was earned in.

MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.
1 CAMPING			*16 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR LIFESAVING					
2 CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY			*19 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR SUSTAINABILITY					
3 CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION			10 FIRST AID					
4 CITIZENSHIP IN SOCIETY			*11 SWIMMING OR HIKING OR CYCLING					
5 CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD			12 PERSONAL MANAGEMENT					
6 COMMUNICATION			13 PERSONAL FITNESS					
7 COOKING			14 FAMILY LIFE					

*Cross out badges not earned. If a crossed-out badge in #8, #9, or #11 was earned, it may be reentered in 15 through 21.

You must attach the Application for Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges for those merit badges earned in place of the Eagle required badge(s).

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REQUIREMENT 4. While a Life Scout, serve actively in your unit for a period of six months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility. List only those positions served after Life board of review date.

Scout troop: Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, webmaster, outdoor ethics guide.

Venturing crew/Sea Scout ship: President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, quartermaster, historian, den chief, guide, boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser, storeroomkeeper, chaplain aide, outdoor ethics guide, crew leader, media specialist, specialist or webmaster.

Lone Scout: Leadership responsibility in your school, religious organization, or club, or elsewhere in your community.

Position	FROM	TO				
	Month (mm)	Day (dd)	Year (yy)	Month (mm)	Day (dd)	Year (yy)

REQUIREMENT 5. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Scouting of America.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.

Project name: _____ Date project finished: _____
Grand total of hours: _____ (from Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook—for statistical purposes only)

REQUIREMENT 6. While a Life Scout, participate in a unit leader conference.

Date conference was held: _____

CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT. On my honor as a Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout all statements on this application are true and correct.

All requirements, with the exception of my board of review, were completed prior to my 18th birthday.*

In preparation for your board of review, prepare and attach to your Eagle Scout Rank Application a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations, during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service.

Signature of applicant: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____
*Or the date established by an extension of time granted by the National Council (see the Guide to Advancement, section 9.0.4.0). The completion date does not apply to Scouts registered beyond the age of eligibility as provided for in the Guide to Advancement, section 10.0.0.0.

UNIT APPROVAL (personal signatures required)

Signature of unit leader: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____
Scoutmaster, Advisor, or Skipper
Signature of unit committee chair: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____

LOCAL COUNCIL VERIFICATION. According to the records of this council, the applicant is a registered member of this unit and this application is approved as accurate.

Signed: _____ Position: _____ Date: _____

REQUIREMENT 7. Successfully complete your board of review for the Eagle Scout rank.

The applicant appeared before the Eagle Scout board of review on this date, and this application was approved.

Signature of Eagle Scout board of review chair: _____ Signature of council/district board representative (if applicable): _____

I certify that all procedures, as outlined in the Guide to Advancement, have been followed. I approve this application.

Scout executive: _____ Date: _____

Presentation of the rank may not be made until the Eagle Scout credentials are received by the local council.



NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION. As an Eagle Scout, you may now join the National Eagle Scout Association, a fellowship of the top achievers of Scouting America. As a NESA member, you have networking opportunities with other Eagles and will stay connected to the latest Scouting news. A portion of your membership fee supports NESA's many programs such as providing college scholarships.

Apply for your NESA membership <https://nesa.org/why-join/>

Reference Letters

Three Fires Council policy is that reference letters are requested as part of the Eagle package submission. The Council has the responsibility to secure recommendations and has elected to do this via letters. The Council has elected to designate the Eagle Candidate the responsibility to secure the recommendations in a sealed letter format. The Council will accept the Eagle application without the reference letters, will request that reference letters be provided and if reference letters are not received within two weeks will forward the package to the district. Upon receipt of the package by the district advancement committee, they will contact the unit to schedule the board of review. If reference letters are not received then the Council delegates the responsibility to the Chair of the Eagle Board to contact the reference, collect the responses and present the findings at the Eagle Board of Review.

Completed reference responses of any kind are the property of the council and are confidential, and only review-board members and those officials with a specific need may see them. The responses are not to be viewed by or returned to the Scout.

Must list names and contact information for people who are willing to serve as references for the Eagle candidate. These may be Scout leaders, teachers, employers, coaches, other Scouts, etc. References do not need to be 21 or older. Parents and other relatives are strongly discouraged from serving as references. The current unit leader and committee chair are not eligible to serve as references

Reference Letters

Found on TFC Website

Eagle Scout Character Reference



Dear _____

Scout _____ of Troop _____ is applying for the highest rank in Scouting, the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

As a final step in the process of determining qualifications for the rank of Eagle Scout, an Eagle Board of Review will be conducted. During this Board of Review, a committee of leaders from the Troop and the community will discuss with the Scout their achievements and determine if they meet the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout.

The requirements for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout include a series of rank advancements, earning at least 21 merit badges, and demonstrating leadership skills. The last test of leadership skills is developing, planning, leading, and completing an Eagle Scout project that benefits the surrounding community. An Eagle Scout candidate must also demonstrate living by the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law in their daily life.

You have been selected by _____ to submit a Letter of Reference as someone who knows them in their daily life and can attest to their living the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. You have been selected to provide a Letter of Reference in the relationship below.

☐ Educator ☐ Coach ☐ Scout ☐ Religious Leader ☐ Scout Leader*

☐ Employer ☐ Other: Relationship _____

*Can not be current unit leader or committee chair

Please prepare your reference using the attached worksheet as a guide. Please return your Letter of Reference using the enclosed self-addressed envelope to the following person. If an envelope is not provided, please fill out the envelope as shown below.

Name: _____
Street: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name and address
of the individual providing
the reference

Scout Name
Eagle Reference
Relationship (e.g. educator,
coach, employer, etc.)

Stamp
(if mailed)

Name and address of advancement
coordinator or individual to receive the
letters of reference

Your letter will be held in the strictest confidence and will only be read by the Eagle Board of Review Committee and will not be shown to the Scout. Please return your letter in the **next two weeks**. The Eagle Scout Board of Review may be delayed in convening without these important Letters of References.

Thank you in advance for preparing this reference.

Sincerely,

Jan 2025

Eagle Scout Character Reference



SCOUT: _____ UNIT No. _____

I. Please rank the Eagle candidate on the following points of the **Scout Law**

	Outstanding	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Trustworthy					
Obedient					
Loyal					
Cheerful					
Helpful					
Thrifty					

	Outstanding	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Friendly					
Brave					
Courteous					
Clean					
Kind					
Reverent					

SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

II. The Eagle Scout Candidate must demonstrate Scout spirit by living the **Scout Oath and Law** in everyday life.

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper when writing your letter.

1. How many years have you known this Scout?
2. From your observations, how does this Scout put into practice the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law?
3. How does this Scout use their leisure time?
4. Give some examples of this Scout's ability to lead.
5. How does this Scout demonstrate good citizenship?
6. How does this Scout respect the rights and opinions of others?
7. What is this Scout's ability to make and keep friends?
8. How does this Scout respond to their religious obligations?
9. Why do you feel this Scout should be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout?

Name: _____

Address: Street: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Jan 2025

TFC Eagle Reference Letter FAQ on TFC Website

Submittal to Council

- The Eagle Scout Application, Eagle Scout Service Workbook, Letter on Life Goal's, Sealed Letters of Recommendation and if applicable, Alternate Merit Badge for the Eagle Scout Rank, Request for Time Extension to Earn the Rank of Eagle, Request for Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility are submitted to the Council office before Scout's 18th birthday
- When the application is received at the Council office its contents will be verified and all *paperwork* returned to the district advancement chair.
- The district advancement chair or member of advancement committee contact the unit to notify them that the board of review can be scheduled.
- The district representative will bring the *paperwork* to the Eagle Board of review.

Submittal to Council

- The District Representative will give the Eagle Application (signed by the Board of Review Chair and the District Representative to the Unit Advancement Chair or Committee Chair.
- The Unit will submit the Eagle Application and completed Rank Advancement Form (one for each candidate) to Council.
- The Letters of Recommendation will be retained by the District Representative for destruction at a later date.
- The Eagle project workbook and Letter of Life's Goals will be returned to the Eagle Scout as identified by the unit.
- When the application is received at the Council office it is signed by the Scout Executive to certify that the proper procedure has been followed and board of review has recommended the candidate for the rank of Eagle.

Eagle Board of Review

- May take 1 to 2 months after materials turned in.
- Best to take place within 3 months after the Scouts 18th birthday
- It is allowed to take place up to 24 months after the Scouts 18th birthday without special approval.
- To hold a board beyond 24 months after the 18th birthday a Belated Rank Application (form 512-076) must be submitted and forwarded to National for approval.
- Made up of at least 3 but no more than 6 individuals all 21 years of age or older. One member serves as chairman.
- It is not required that members be registered with the BSA, but they must have an understanding of the importance of the Eagle Board of Review.
- One representative of the district or council advancement committee shall be a member of the Eagle Board of Review when it is done at the unit level.
- Scout may have no input into selection of the Eagle Board of Review members.

Eagle Board of Review (cont.)

- Board will review the project, application and open the Letters of Recommendation prior to interviewing Eagle candidate. (Usually takes 30 to 45 minutes before calling in the Scout)
- Actual time spent interviewing Eagle candidate should not be longer than 20-45 minutes
- Board cannot require the Eagle candidate to demonstrate proficiency* but will ask questions to determine knowledge, ability to use what has been learned and to determine life's goals and objective.

** Having to recite the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan, and explaining their meaning, is not considered to be a demonstration of proficiency.*

Eagle Board of Review (cont.)

- After interviewing the Eagle candidate, the Scout will be asked to leave the room during the board's deliberations and vote. A unanimous decision must be reached as to the Scout's qualification. If a positive unanimous decision is not reached, then:
 - If the Scout's 18th birthday is not imminent and the Board of Review feels that the Scout needs to improve in an area within a defined time, the Board of Review may adjourn and reconvene at a later date and continue the review
 - If the vote was final, the Scout must be informed of the reason and has the opportunity for appealing the decision. A follow-up letter and process for appeal will be sent to him by the Board of Review.

Appeals

- The Eagle applicant can appeal to the Council if:
 - The Scoutmaster or Organization does not sign the Project Workbook for Project Completion
 - The Eagle Board of Review does not award him the rank of Eagle
 - The Project is done without the Approval Signatures
- A letter with the reason for the appeal is sent to the Council Advancement Chair
- An Appeal Review Board is convened to determine the facts
 - The Appeal Board will meet with the candidate and representative of the unit
 - An Eagle Board of Review will be convened if not held previously

Appeals

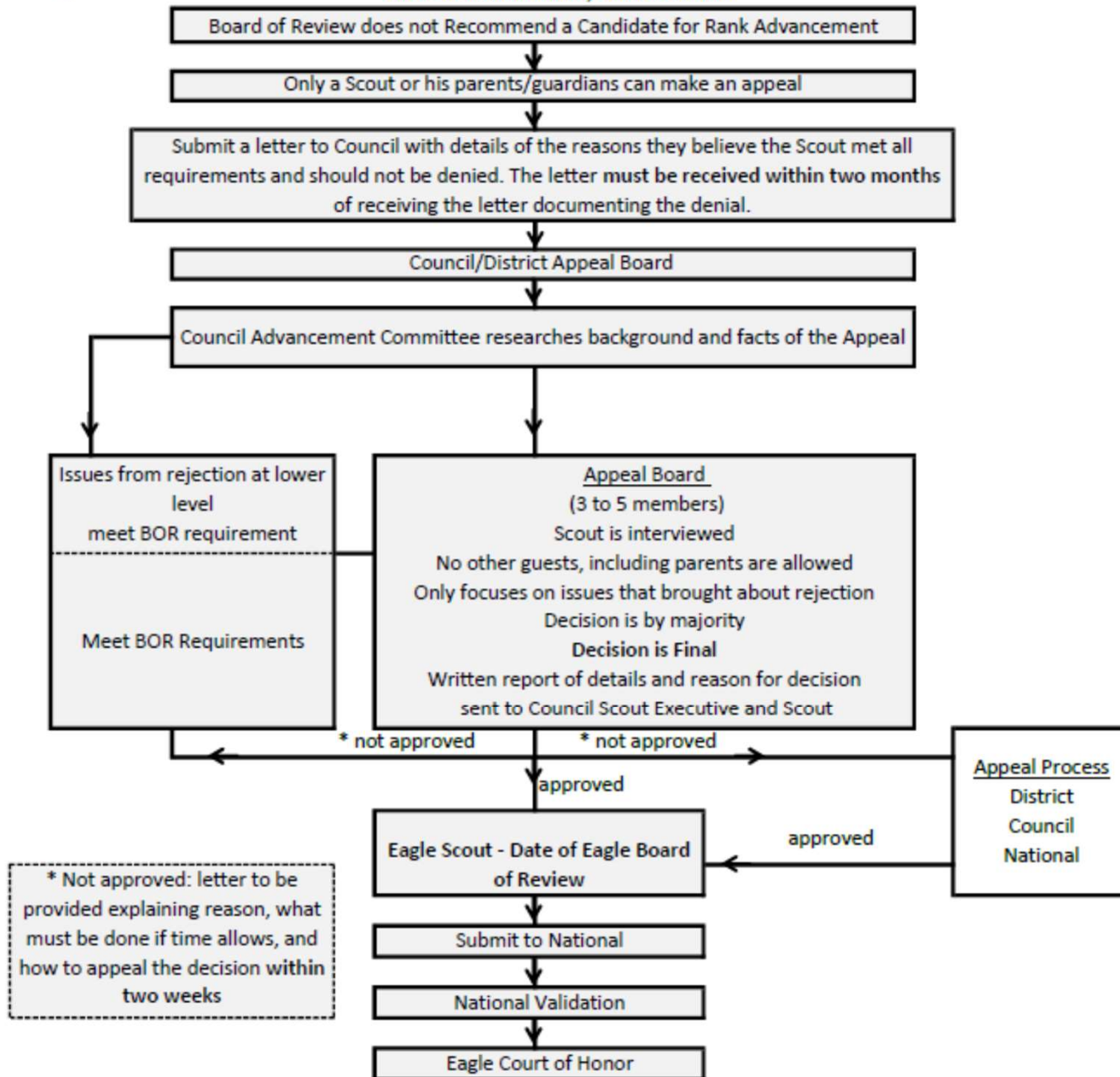
- If the Appeal Review Board determines that the candidate did not earn the Rank of Eagle, they will inform him. A written report is prepared to be sent to National if the appeal is carried to the next and final level – the National Advancement Committee. A copy is sent to the candidate.
- The candidate has the option to appeal to National. A letter with the reason for the appeal is sent to the Council. The appeal letter, written report from the Council Board of Review, a copy of the Eagle Rank application, and copy of the Eagle Scout Project (if it is at issue) will be forwarded to National.



Appealing a Decision Star, Life and Eagle

Guide to Advancement, Section 9.0.4.0

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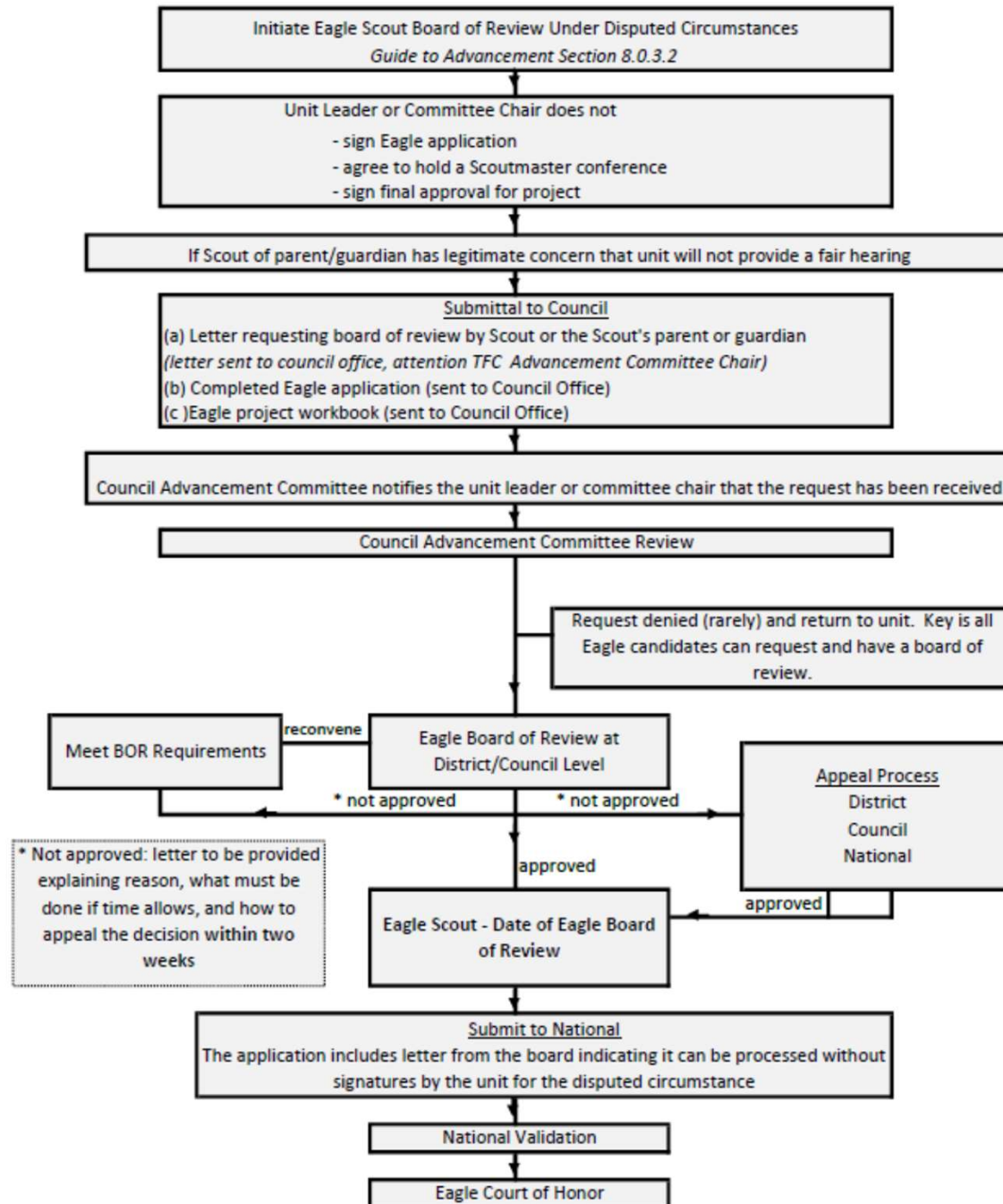
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Eagle Scout Board of Review Under Disputed Circumstances

- The Scoutmaster or committee chair do not sign the application
- The unit Scoutmaster conference is denied
- It is believed that the unit will not provide a fair hearing
- The Scout or Scout's parent or guardian can request a board of review under disputed circumstances.
- A board of review will be conducted by the district or council.
- The board of review is the same as any other Eagle, but with additional attention to the concern of the issue.



Eagle Board of Review Under Disputed Circumstances



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Time Extension

- If a Scout foresees that due to no fault or choice of the Scout's own and will not be able to complete the Eagle Rank before the Scout's 18th birthday, the Scout may apply for an extension. These are rarely granted.
- Must meet the following tests:

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 might 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.

Time Extension

- Scout, parent or guardian, unit leader, or members of the unit committee may file such requests using form, “Request for Extension of Time to Earn the Eagle Scout Rank”
- The council advancement committee researches and evaluates the requests and provides a recommendation to the Scout executive. Councils have the authority to grant Scouts only enough time to complete the requirements, but not more than a total of six months after the Scout’s 18th birthday.
- Requests that are denied (including those six months after the Scout’s birthday) can be appealed.
- A Scout or parent or guardian may appeal the denial of a request for an extension of time to earn the Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit rank. An appeal may be initiated by notifying the local council staff advisor for advancement or other council designated advancement administrator via letter or email. The council advancement committee will then assist and coordinate the appeal effort submitted to National.



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



Appealing a Time Extension Denial

Guide to Advancement Section, 9.0.4.0

Two Reasons for the Council to Deny or Can Not Approve an Extension Request

1. Cannot be established that an extension is warranted according to three tests below:

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.

2. Council can not approve an extension request for more than 6-months

Submit an Appeal

Only Scout or parent/guardian may submit an appeal to council

- The appeal is initiated by notifying TFC council via letter or email to:
 - TFC Advancement Committee Chair and
 - TFC Eagle Scout Processor
- The appeal needs to include a (a) statement explaining why the council's decision should be reversed or granted and (b) Scout parent or guardian and unit leader name, phone number, and email.

Council Review

- Council advancement committee in connection with Scout Executive complete form 'Appeal of Extension Request Denial' and assemble the package of documents and submit to National. Since timing is critical this should be done within two weeks of receiving the appeal request.
 - ☐ A statement from the Scout or their parent or guardian explaining why the council's decision should be reversed and the extension granted.
 - ☐ Copy of fully completed form "Request for Extension of Time." See *Guide to Advancement*, Appendix, 11.2.0.0.
 - ☐ An update on any requirements yet to be completed if additional work on advancement is not reflected on the above form.
 - ☐ Copies of all statements, interview notes, and any other information collected throughout the extension request and review process, either from the Scout or from others who have knowledge of the case.
 - ☐ Statement explaining the council's reason for denial.
 - ☐ Copy of denial letter sent to Scout.
 - ☐ Printout of the current BSA Person Listing for the Scout.

Scout Executive

- Scout Executive or designee reviews the Scout's case. The Scout Executive then signs the form certifying it is complete and correct according to what is known about the case.
- The appeal packet along with the Scout Executive's certification is collated into one pdf document and submitted to advancement.team@scouting.org.

National Advancement Team

- The National Advancement Committee will review the appeal and will either reject or approve the appeal.
- A written letter will be provided to document their decision.

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Special Needs Scouts

- Youth with physical disabilities and youth and adults with developmental or cognitive challenges are welcome in the BSA.
- Accommodations exist for advancement beyond the age of 18.
- For youth with moderate learning disability or such disorders as ADD/ADHD and have been advancing, but somewhat longer, registration beyond 18 is not warranted.
- Each case is reviewed individually.

Special Needs Scouts

- All current requirements for an advancement award (ranks, merit badges, Eagle palms) must actually be met by the candidate. Normally it is expected that youth with moderate learning disorders, ADD, ADHD, and similar conditions, can –although more slowly–complete standard requirements and merit badges.
- There are no substitutions or alternatives permitted, except those which are specifically stated in the BSA literature.
- The Scout is expected to meet the requirement as stated, no more or less. If it states ‘show and demonstrate’, just telling about it is not enough.

Special Needs Scouts

- A modification is change in the requirement itself or the substitution of one requirement task for another.
- Modifications are not permitted at the unit level and require approval in advance (such as reducing distance for hike, floatation device).
- Submit a written request to the council advancement committee to complete alternate requirements [identify requirement, suggestion for alternate, supporting letters, and written statement from a health provider with qualifications related to the disability.

Special Needs Scouts – Register Beyond the Age of Eligibility

- If a Scout has a permanent physical or mental disability so severe it precludes advancement even at a rate significantly lower than normal.
- The details on how to register a member beyond age of eligibility is included in the Guide to Advancement, Section 10.1.0.2.
- If requesting additional time after the Scout's 18th birthday, complete the 'Request for Extension of Time to Earn Eagle Scout Rank. If approved this provides the opportunity for a Scout to complete the rank of Eagle after the age of 18.
- The application must be approved by the TFC Advancement Committee and Special Needs Committee prior to the Scouts 18th birthday (not the day before).
- Maintain registration as a youth member after the Scout's 18th birthday up to the time the Eagle Scout Rank Application is submitted.

Special Needs Scouts- Alternative Merit Badge for Eagle Scout Rank

- If a Scout has a permanent physical or mental disability, or a disability the Scout may apply for alternative merit badge.
- The details on how to request an alternative merit badge is included in the Guide to Advancement, Section 10.2.2.3.
- Complete the 'Alternate Merit Badge for the Eagle Scout Rank' No. 512-730, Jan 2019 .
- This provides the Scout an opportunity to complete alternate merit badges for those the Scout cannot do. For example: if a Scout can not swim due to a physical handicap the Scout can do rowing as an alternate.
- A clear and concise medical statement must be made by a physician licensed to practice medicine, or an evaluation statement must be certified by an educational administrator.
- Alternative merit badges involving physical activity must be approved by the physician.
- The application must be approved by the TFC Advancement Committee.

Special Needs Scouts- Alternative Merit Badge for Eagle Scout Rank

APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATIVE EAGLE SCOUT RANK MERIT BADGES

A youth in Scouts BSA or qualified Venturer or Sea Scout who has a physical or mental disability may achieve the Eagle Scout rank by qualifying for alternative merit badges. This does not apply to individual requirements for merit badges. Merit badges are awarded only when all requirements are met as stated. See the *Guide to Advancement*, topic 10.1.2.6, for details.

The physical or mental disability must be of a permanent rather than of a temporary nature (or a disability expected to last more than two years or beyond the 18th birthday). This request must include a written statement from a qualified health-care professional related to the nature of the disability. This person may be a physician, neurologist, psychiatrist, psychologist, etc., or an educational administrator as appropriate.

Before applying, a Scout must earn as many of the Eagle-required merit badges as possible. However, if a permanent disability clearly precludes completing specific merit badges, a Scout who has earned at least First Class may apply for an alternative merit badge without waiting until all other Eagle-required merit badges are complete. Any alternatives must present the same challenge and learning level as those they replace. Unless the Scout has been approved for registration beyond the age of eligibility, all merit badges must be completed by the 18th birthday (reference *Guide to Advancement*, topic 10.1.0.1–10.1.0.2).

1. Obtain a clear and concise statement related to the nature of the disability from a qualified health-care professional.
 2. The unit leader meets with the candidate and the candidate's parent or guardian to determine the alternative merit badges to replace those the candidate is unable to complete.
 3. The unit leader, parent or guardian, and the Scout (if possible) prepare supporting letters to accompany the application.
 4. The district and council advancement committees, in turn, review the proposed alternative merit badges. They may choose to speak with the Scout, the Scout's parent or guardian, or the unit leader. If the council advancement committee approves, then the candidate may start work on the merit badges.
- Note:** In approving the application, the district and council advancement committees must utilize the expertise of a health-care professional involved with youth who have disabilities.
5. Upon completion of the Eagle Scout rank requirements, using the alternative merit badges, the candidate appears before a board of review. This approved application must be attached to the Eagle Scout Rank Application.
 6. Following a successful board of review, the council processes both applications and forwards them to the National Scouts BSA Advancement Team. Local council action on alternative merit badges does not require national approval.

The Purpose of the Eagle Scout Award

Recipients of the Eagle Scout Award are youth in Scouts BSA, or qualified Venturers or Sea Scouts, who apply the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in daily life. They have achieved the qualities below with determination and persistence.

- Capacity for leadership and a concern for others
- Ability to help others through skills they have learned
- Ability to live and work cooperatively with others by meeting their responsibilities to the unit
- Concern for self by improving their physical fitness to the limits of their resources

Possible alternatives for required merit badges*

CAMPING	COMMUNICATIONS	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR LIFESAVING	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR SUSTAINABILITY	PERSONAL FITNESS	SWIMMING, HIKING, OR CYCLING
Backpacking	Digital Technology	Fire Safety	Energy	Archery	Archery
Canoeing	Electronics	Motorboating	Fish and Wildlife	Athletics	Athletics
Kayaking	Graphic Arts	Public Health	Management	Backpacking	Canoeing
Pioneering	Journalism	Radio	Forestry	Canoeing	Climbing
Rowing	Moviemaking	Rowing	Nature	Golf	Horsemanship
Search and Rescue	Photography	Safety	Oceanography	Rowing	Skating
Wilderness Survival	Programming	Traffic Safety	Soil and Water	Water Sports	Water Sports
	Public Speaking	Wilderness Survival	Conservation		
	Radio		Weather		
	Salemanship				
	Signs, Signals, and Codes				

*These possible alternatives are merely suggestions that could provide similar learning experiences. The list is not all-inclusive. It is important for unit leaders to use reasonable accommodation and common sense in the application of the alternative merit badge program.

APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATIVE EAGLE SCOUT RANK MERIT BADGES

To: The District Advancement Committee

_____ District _____ Council

We are submitting this application on behalf of _____ of Unit No. _____,

chartered to _____ and located in _____ City _____ State _____

Because of the disability (see the statement below from a qualified health-care professional), we believe that the candidate is physically or mentally unable to complete the requirements for the following merit badge or badges required for the Eagle Scout rank:

Following a personal conference with the candidate and the candidate's parent or guardian, we recommend the following alternative merit badge or badges be approved. **These must not be merit badges previously earned (Guide to Advancement 10.1.2.6).** Please see the attached documentation supporting this recommendation.

Signed _____ Date _____ Signed _____ Date _____
Unit leader Unit committee chair

Parent or Guardian Statement

In view of the medical or administrative statement attached, and following a conference with our unit leader, I approve the alternative Eagle Scout rank merit badges. My/our letter supporting this recommendation is attached, and also one from our Scout (if possible).

☐ An Individualized Education Plan or other documentation is attached (optional).

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent or guardian

Statement From a Qualified Health-Care Professional

As a result of a thorough examination or testing of the above-named Eagle Scout candidate on _____ Date _____

I have attached a statement describing the disability, the Scout's capabilities, limitations, and prognosis, and outlined why the merit badges to be replaced cannot be completed.

Signed _____ Date _____ Title/credentials _____

District Certification

We have reviewed this application for the above-named Eagle Scout candidate, and in review of the medical or administrative statement, we believe the Scout should follow the alternative Eagle Scout rank merit badge method. We recommend to the council advancement committee that the merit badge or badges indicated above be approved as alternatives.

Date _____

Signed _____
District advancement committee chair or designee

Signed _____
District executive

Council Committee Action*

We have reviewed the district's recommendations and provide our approval.

Date _____

Signed _____
Council advancement committee chair or designee

Signed _____
Scout executive

*The local council action on the alternative merit badge(s) for the Eagle Scout rank does not require National Council approval.

QUESTIONS / SUGGESTIONS



Thank You