

Advancement Education

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Life to Eagle



This course is for those **Life Scouts** seeking the rank of **Eagle Scout**. It reviews the process and procedures to progress from the rank of **Life Scout** to **Eagle Scout** with concentration on completing the Eagle Service Project.



Agenda

- ♣ Eagle Scout Rank Requirements
- ♣ Eagle Scout Application
- ♣ Eagle Scout Board of Review
- ♣ Eagle Scout Service Project Summary
- ♣ Eagle Scout Project Workbook



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Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

1. Be active in your troop for at least six months as a Life Scout.

What counts as 'active'?

- ♣ You need to be *registered with the unit*
- ♣ You need to be *in good standing*
 - This is a disciplinary thing. You'll know if it applies.
- ♣ You need to *meet the unit's reasonable expectations*
 - These expectations must be known in advance
 - Summers off still count; Scouting is year-round
 - If you don't meet the expectation, there are alternatives



Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

2. As a Life Scout, demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Tell:

- ♣ How you have done your duty to God,
- ♣ How you have lived the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life, and
- ♣ How your understanding of the Scout Oath and Scout Law will guide your life in the future.



Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (11 more than required for the Life rank), including these 14 merit badges:

Camping

Citizenship in the Community

Citizenship in the Nation

Citizenship in the World

Citizenship in Society

Communication

Cooking

Emergency Preparedness *OR* Lifesaving

Environmental Science *OR* Sustainability

Family Life

First Aid

Personal Fitness

Personal Management

Swimming *OR* Hiking *OR* Cycling

- You may use the others in place of non-required badges to fill up the list of 21, if you've earned them



Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

4. While a Life Scout, serve actively in your troop for six months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility:

Patrol Leader

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Senior Patrol Leader

Troop Guide

OA Troop Representative

Den Chief

Scribe

Librarian

Historian

Quartermaster

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

Chaplain Aide

Instructor

Webmaster

Outdoor Ethics Guide

- Note: Assistant Patrol Leader is ***not*** on this list!



Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

4. (Continued)

What counts as active service?

- ♣ *Something* related to the desired results must happen
- ♣ This is best achieved when the unit lays out *clear and reasonable* expectations for the position
- ♣ If none exist, then the Scout or leader must work out the responsibilities
- ♣ In any case, the Scouts may not be held to expectations that they haven't been told



Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

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 Scouting America.

- ✦ Your troop's chartering organization is a valid beneficiary: the restriction is against the council and its properties (such as its camps and offices).



Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

5. (Continued)

Before you start, the project proposal must be approved by:

- ✦ the organization benefiting from the effort,
- ✦ your Scoutmaster,
- ✦ your troop committee, and
- ✦ the council or district.

You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.



Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

6. While a Life Scout, participate in a Scoutmaster conference.
 - ✦ Though many Scoutmasters like to use this as a sort of final capstone, there is no requirement that this be the last thing done before the Board of Review.
 - ✦ It is also possible to have several conferences, especially if you had several years between earning Life and Eagle. You may choose any of them for this requirement.
 - ✦ In any case, you must complete this and all previous requirements before your 18th birthday.



Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

7. Successfully complete your board of review for the Eagle Scout rank.
 - ♣ This may be done up to 24 months after age 18.

The board will be composed as follows:

There shall be no fewer than three and no more than six members, all at least 21 years old. They need not be on an advancement committee or registered with the BSA, but must *not* include or be selected by the Scout's unit leaders or relatives.

There must be at least one district representative—who is not affiliated with the unit—present. The unit may request more than one.

- Note: 24 months is a new, post-COVID change; the limit was formerly 3 months.



The 12 Steps from Life to Eagle

1. Complete all requirements
2. Select and gain approval for your Eagle Project Workbook with needed signatures
3. Complete Eagle Project and complete the Project Workbook with needed signatures
4. Complete the Eagle Rank application
5. Get the needed signatures on the application
6. Contact the References on your application



The 12 Steps from Life to Eagle

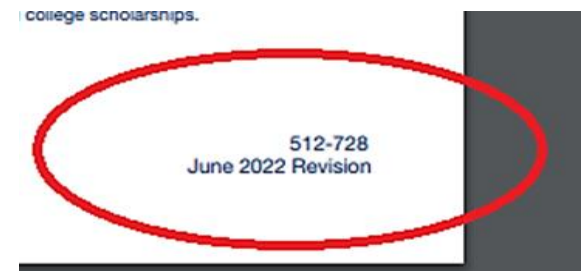
7. Submit and forward the application to the Council Eagle Verification email along with a copy of the signature pages from your Eagle Project Workbook and your Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose
8. Schedule a date for the Eagle Board of Review once your Letters of Reference are received
9. Complete Eagle Board of Review
10. Submit signed Application to Council
11. Council Executive signs Application and forwards to National
12. Eagle Credentials arrive at the Local Council



Completing the Application

Here are a few tips to make your application easy to process:

- ❖ Be certain that you're using the current version
 - The version date is on the lower right corner
- ❖ Cross out merit badges not earned
 - This refers to the **either/or** choices from requirement 3: cross out the ones that you didn't choose.
 - On electronic applications, you can do this with the highlighter tool set to black



es (required badges are listed). List the month, day

| UNIT NO. | MERIT BADGE | E |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | *8 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS [REDACTED] | |
| | *9 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE [REDACTED] | |
| | 10 FIRST AID | |
| | *11 [REDACTED] HIKING | |
| | 12 PERSONAL MANAGEMENT | |
| | 13 PERSONAL FITNESS | |
| | 14 FAMILY LIFE | |



Completing the Application

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♣ Include all references

- You are *required* to provide information for all six references (five if you are not employed)
- If you have no specific religious institution or association, then your parent provides this reference
- The last two references are free for you to choose: there are no restrictions and *anyone* may serve as this reference, including a sibling or other relative, a friend at school, a Scout leader, a family friend, a neighbor, or even a boyfriend/girlfriend
- You may provide contact information, ask your references to serve as references, and give them the form to complete, but that is as far as your involvement goes



Completing the Application

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- ♣ Fill out everything completely
 - Be sure that the time listed for your position of responsibility *only* includes time when you were a Life Scout; if you serve fixed terms for unit positions and the term began while you were a Star Scout, then your start date for this requirement is the date of your Life Scout Board of Review
 - Don't forget to include the Eagle Project hours: this is the sum of total hours worked, which is your planning time plus worker time for every volunteer worker
 - Don't forget to *sign* it!
- ♣ Remember that the deadline is to complete the *rank requirements* by age 18; you may submit the application after



Eagle Scout Board of Review

Scout *should* be in full uniform

- ♣ While the uniform is preferred, the requirement is to be neat in appearance and dressed appropriately according to the Scout's means

All paperwork *should* be in order with proper signatures

- ♣ The office verifies this before scheduling the Board of Review



Eagle Scout Board of Review

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Paperwork includes :

- ♣ Eagle Application
- ♣ Eagle Project Workbook
- ♣ Statement of ambitions and life purpose
 - This is exactly what it says it is: it's not asking why you want to be an Eagle Scout or what Eagle means to you. It asks what you want to do with your life.
- ♣ Reference Letters
 - The Board of Review cannot be stopped or delayed because of non-responsive references
 - The Scout will not be asked for replacements in that case



Eagle Scout Resources

Scouts BSA

Advancement and Awards

Merit Badges

Troop Resources

Activities & Events

Training for Adult Leaders

Training for Youth Members

Program Updates

Frequently Asked Questions

[Home](#) > [Programs](#) > [Scouts BSA](#) > [Advancement and Awards](#) > Advancement Resources

Advancement Resources

General Resources

- [Guide to Advancement, No. 33088 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Advancement News](#)
- [Advancement Educational Presentations](#)
- [Abilities Digest](#)
- [Advancement Report, No. 34403](#)
- [Building Effective Advancement Committees, No. 510-756](#)

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/resources/>



Rank Advancement

- [2020 Scouts BSA Rank Requirements](#)

- [Application for Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges, No. 512-730](#)

- [Belated Rank Application, No. 512-076](#)

- [Eagle Scout Application for youth who completed requirements before July 1, 2022, No.512-728](#)

This is the revised 2022 Eagle Scout Rank Application. Scouts who have already started preparing their application using the 2020 version may continue to use it. They do not need to redo it using the 2022 version.

- [Eagle Scout Application for youth who completed requirements ON OR AFTER July 1, 2022](#)

Starting July 1, 2022, Eagle Scout candidates will be required to complete all Eagle Scout requirements including the new Citizenship in Society merit badge. The Local Council will be responsible for verifying the Eagle Scout candidate and their completion of the Eagle Scout requirements. The Local Council will determine those Scouts that meet all requirements before July 1, 2022 and those Scouts that fall under the new Eagle Scout requirements as of July 1, 2022.

- [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927](#)

This is the revised December 2022 Eagle Scout Service Project workbook. Scouts who have already started preparing their workbook using the 2021 version may continue to use it. They do not need to redo it using the 2022 version.

- [11.2.0.0 Request for Extension of Time \(form\), No. 512-077](#)



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The Eagle Scout Service Project

Guide to Advancement Section 9

National Advancement Program Team

Expiration Date

This presentation is not to be used after January 31, 2025.

Obtain an updated version at www.scouting.org/advancement



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The Eagle Scout Service Project

GTA 9.0.2.0

- ✦ Proposing, conducting and reporting on projects should be a positive experience for the Scout.
- ✦ The focus and energy for the project is meaningful service while practicing leadership skills.
- ✦ Administrative issues are merely supportive of this meaningful service.
- ✦ Only one Eagle Scout candidate receives credit.



The Eagle Scout Service Project

What an Eagle Scout Candidate Should Expect

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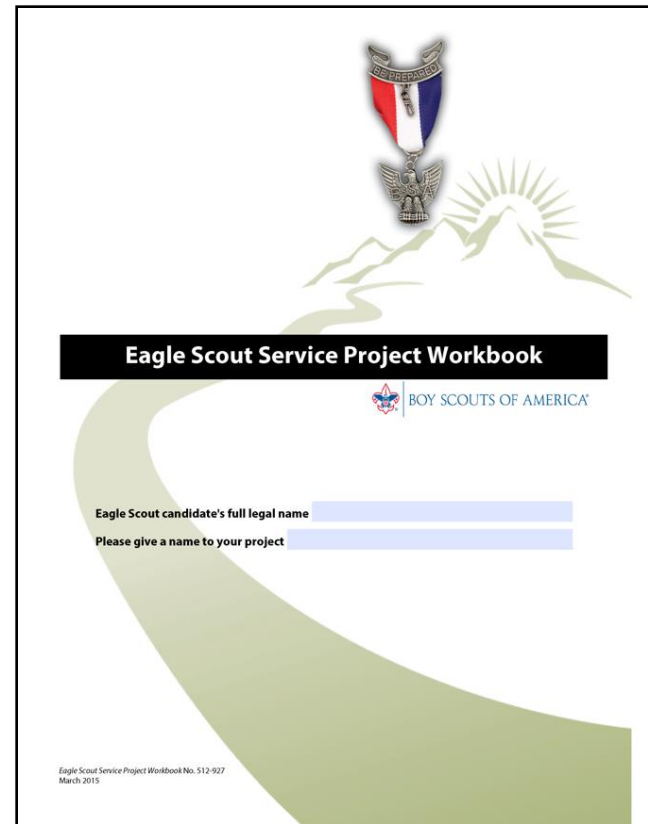
- ❖ Questioning shall be conducted in a *helpful, friendly, courteous* and *kind-hearted* manner.
- ❖ A parent or other observer may be present during reviews.
- ❖ Project expectations are stated in Eagle Scout Requirement 5.
- ❖ If requested, a written explanation must be given for any proposal rejection.



The Eagle Scout Service Project

What an Eagle Scout Candidate Should Expect

- ❖ Guidance should be readily available.
- ❖ If a candidate believes they have been mistreated or the proposal was wrongfully rejected, they will be provided a method of redress.



Eagle Scout Service Project

Eagle Scout Requirement 5

GTA 9.0.2.2 – 9.0.2.4

- ❖ 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 Scouting America.*)
- ❖ A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, the unit leader, the unit committee, and the council or district before a Scout starts.
- ❖ A Scout must use the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.



Eagle Scout Service Project

Eagle Scout Requirement 5

❖ **“While a Life Scout...”**

Work on the project, including planning, begins after the Life Scout Board of Review. (9.0.2.2)

❖ **“Plan, Develop...”**

Planning and development are detailed once a project proposal is approved. (9.0.2.3)

❖ **A proposal is different from a plan.**



Eagle Scout Service Project

Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ✦ **“Give Leadership to Others...”**
“Others” means at least two people besides the Scout.
(9.0.2.4)
- ✦ Each project must be evaluated case by case on its impact to the benefiting organization and on lessons that will advance the candidate’s growth. (9.0.2.4)
- ✦ Councils, districts and units shall not establish requirements for the number of people led, or their makeup, or for the time worked on a project. (9.0.2.4)



Eagle Scout Service Project

Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ♣ **“Helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community.” (9.0.2.5)**
 - “Your community” can mean the world community. A council may emphasize more local efforts but should not deny worthy projects of a wider scope.
 - Scenarios where an individual in need can affect a community may be considered.
- ♣ **“Benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America”. (9.0.2.6)**



Eagle Scout Service Project

Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ❖ **“Proposal must be approved...before you start”**
(9.0.2.7)
- ❖ Five Tests of an Acceptable Eagle Scout Service Project:
 1. Sufficient opportunity to meet the requirement.
 2. Appears to be feasible.
 3. Safety issues will be addressed.
 4. Action steps for further detailed planning are included.
 5. The Scout has a reasonable chance for a positive experience.



Eagle Scout Project Workbook

GTA 9.0.2.8

- ❖ The workbook cannot be modified.
- ❖ If properly used, the workbook very nearly assures success.
- ❖ Should not be used as a source for rejecting candidates based on “technicalities”.
- ❖ Write-ups and signatures are simply supportive.
- ❖ Keeps the Scout on the right track with a reasonable chance for success and a positive experience.
- ❖ The official document as produced by the Scouting America must be used. www.scouting.org/advancement.



Eagle Scout Service Project Coach

GTA 9.0.2.9

- ❖ Coaches must be registered with the BSA, in any position and be current in BSA Youth Protection training.
- ❖ A project coach is not required but highly recommended.
- ❖ Using a project coach is the Scout's decision.
- ❖ Coaches work in an advisory capacity.
- ❖ Coaches do not have the authority to dictate changes or withdraw approval.



Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising

GTA 9.0.2.10

- ❖ Projects themselves may not be fundraisers.
- ❖ Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials and otherwise facilitating the project.
- ❖ Fundraising must be approved by the council unless funds are derived only from contributions by the beneficiary, the candidate, their relatives, the unit, its chartered organization, or from parents or members of the unit.
- ❖ Procedures and limitations for Eagle Scout service project fundraising can be found on the back of the fundraising application, inside the workbook.



Evaluating the Project After Completion

GTA 9.0.2.13

- ❖ Completed projects must be evaluated on impact – the extent of benefit to the benefiting organization and on the leadership provided.
- ❖ There must be evidence of planning and development.
- ❖ There may be cases where the unit leader or beneficiary choose not to approve the project.
- ❖ Sometimes a project is not completed as planned.



Risk Management and the Project

GTA 9.0.2.14

- ❖ All Eagle Scout service projects constitute official Scouting activity and are considered part of a unit's program.
- ❖ The health and safety of those working on Eagle projects must be incorporated into project execution. This is an adult responsibility.
- ❖ The *SAFE Project Tool Use* and the *Guide to Safe Scouting* should be consulted during project planning.



For More Information

- ✦ *Guide to Advancement*
- ✦ www.Scouting.org/advancement
- ✦ *Eagle Scout Rank Application*
- ✦ *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.*
- ✦ If you have questions, district and council advancement administrators first, then:
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Questions?

