

Crossing the Finish Line

Attaining Your Eagle Scout Rank

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Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

- Use the 2019 Rank Requirements
 - There are no real changes, just a change in emphasis
 - Demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law
 - Tell how
 - You've done your duty to God
 - Lived the Oath and Law everyday
 - The Oath and Law will guide you in the future



Eagle Rank Requirements (1 of 4)

1. Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for a period of at least six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout.
2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your daily life. List on your Eagle Scout Rank Application the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf, including parents/guardians, religious, educational, and employer references.
3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than you already have), including the following:
 - (a) [First Aid](#) , (b) [Citizenship in the Community](#) , (c) [Citizenship in the Nation](#) ,
 - (d) [Citizenship in the World](#) , (e) [Communication](#) , (f) [Cooking](#) , (g) [Personal Fitness](#) ,
 - (h) [Emergency Preparedness](#) OR [Lifesaving](#) ,
 - (i) [Environmental Science](#) OR [Sustainability](#) , (j) [Personal Management](#) ,
 - (k) [Swimming](#) OR [Hiking](#) OR [Cycling](#) , (l) [Camping](#) , and (m) [Family Life](#) .**

**You must choose only one merit badge listed in items h, i, and k. If you have earned more than one of the badges listed in items h, i, and k, choose one and list the remaining badges to make your total of 21.



Earn 21 Merit Badges These Are Required



- First Aid
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communication
- Cooking
- ***Personal Fitness***
- Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
- Environmental Science or Sustainability
- ***Personal Management***
- Swimming or Hiking or Cycling
- Camping
- ***Family Life***

Bolded merit badges have requirements to track activities for 90 days, so plan ahead



Eagle Rank Requirements (2 of 4)

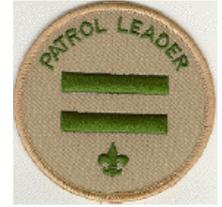
4. While a Life Scout, serve actively in your unit for a period of six months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility. List only those positions served after your Life board of review date. ***

- **Boy Scout troop** - Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, Venture patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, webmaster, or Leave No Trace trainer.

***Assistant patrol leader and bugler are not approved positions of responsibility for the Eagle Scout rank. Likewise, a unit leader–assigned leadership project should not be used in lieu of serving in a position of responsibility.



Serve Actively for 6 months in 1 or more of these positions



- Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide
- OA Representative
- Den Chief
- Scribe
- Librarian
- Historian
- Quartermaster
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Chaplain Aide
- Instructor
- Webmaster
- Leave No Trace trainer



Eagle Rank Requirements (3 of 4)

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 council or district before you start. You must use the [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 512-927](#), in meeting this requirement. (To learn more about the Eagle Scout service project, see the *Guide to Advancement*, topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15.)



Eagle Scout Service Project

- While a Life Scout, plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution or school or your community (other than Scouting).
- Step 1 – Download the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, BSA Publication No. 51-927 from the NCAC website
 - Go to www.ncacbsa.org, click on Advancement, then click on Eagle Scout Information



Eagle Scout Service Project, Con't

- If you already have a project in mind, discuss it with one of the Troop's Eagle Coordinators
- If you don't have a project in mind, see one of the Troop's Eagle Coordinators
 - We'll put you in touch with potential project beneficiaries, or
 - We'll give you some suggestions to explore on your own.
- Remember, this is YOUR project. YOU alone are responsible for contacting the project beneficiary and planning the project.



Eagle Scout Service Project, Con't

- Schedule a meeting with the project beneficiary to scope the project
 - What do they need?
 - When do they need it?
 - What materials (if any) will be needed?
 - Will they provide the necessary materials?
 - If not, you'll have to estimate the cost, prepare a budget and figure out how to pay for them
 - When can you have access to the work site?
 - How long will it take to complete?



Eagle Scout Service Project, Con't

- Once you and the beneficiary have agreed on the project scope, complete the Project Proposal section of the Project Workbook
- Have a Troop Eagle Coordinator review the Project Proposal
 - You may be asked to elaborate or rethink parts of the project
 - You may be asked to review the project with a Project Coach
- If any requested changes are significant, review them with the beneficiary
- Otherwise, obtain the 4 approvals (in order): Beneficiary, Scoutmaster, Committee Chair and District Representative



Eagle Scout Service Project, Con't

- Fundraising
 - If your beneficiary does not pay for the materials needed for the project, you will be responsible for them
 - You can raise money from your family, troop members and local merchants without BSA approval
 - If you intend to raise money from the community at large, you must complete the Project Fundraising Application found in the Project Plan section of the Workbook
 - While use of Go Fund Me and other web-based fundraising apps is now allowed, any excess funds raised **must** go to the beneficiary



Eagle Scout Service Project, Con't

- Next, work with your Project Coach to complete the Project Plan section of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
- Have a Troop Eagle Coordinator review the Project Plan
- Because no other sign-offs are required at this stage, schedule the work date for the project
- ***Now, do your project!***
 - You lead, let others do the work.
- Finally, complete the Service Project Report section of the Workbook and get approvals from the beneficiary and Scoutmaster



Eagle Rank Requirements (4 of 4)

6. Take part in a unit leader conference.
7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review. 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.



Eagle Scout Rank Application

- When all Eagle Scout Requirements have been completed, but before your Scoutmaster Conference, it's time to complete the Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA)
- Download the ESRA from the NCAC website
- Obtain an advancement report from the Troop Advancement Coordinator
- Complete the ESRA
 - Fill in your Scout Number (BID) in the upper right corner
 - Make sure all the dates on the ESRA match your advancement report
 - If the dates in your Scout Handbook or merit badge cards are different, RESOLVE the difference with the Advancement Coordinator right away



Eagle Scout Rank Application, Con't

- References
 - Provide the names, physical and email addresses and telephone numbers of your references. Leave no lines blank; use N/A. These are your:
 - Parents/guardians
 - Religious
 - Educational
 - Employer (if any), and
 - Two other references
 - As a courtesy, first ask these people if they'll be your references.
 - Once they agree, the Eagle Scout Coordinators will contact them and request the reference.



Eagle Scout Rank Application, Con't

- Have a Troop Eagle Coordinator review your ESRA
- Once all is in order, schedule your Scoutmaster Conference
 - The SMC **must** be held before your 18th birthday
- After SMC, get a sign-off from the Committee Chair
- Scan the completed ESRA (as pdf) and submit the file to a Troop Eagle Coordinator, who forwards it to the District Representative for verification. From there it goes to Council for verification.
- Once Council approves, your Eagle Scout Board of Review will be scheduled.
- Prepare and attach to your ESRA a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community or other organizations. Include honors and awards received during this service.
- Upon successful completion of your EBOR, you've crossed the finish line. You're now an Eagle Scout. Congratulations.



NCAC Eagle Scout Information

- The NCAC website has information and forms you will need:
 - NCAC Eagle Scout Procedures Guide
 - Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
 - 2017 Eagle Scout Rank Application
 - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/eagle-scout-information/>



Crossing the Finish Line

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- Troop 2970 Project Coaches
 - ASM Scott Lambert



COVID Procedures

- If you are approaching your 18th birthday and have been prevented from completing merit badges or your project, you can apply for an extension past your 18th birthday.
- You have to have been impacted by COVID, actually prevented from completing the requirements.
- Simply procrastination is not a valid excuse.



COVID Procedures, cont.

- Any extension is discretionary.
- The process of obtaining COVID extensions are evolving
 - During 2020, NCAC processed these extensions for National; this delegated authority ended 12/31/20
 - It appears District will process these extensions but the steps have not been finalized.



COVID Procedures, cont.

- Best practice – Don't procrastinate. Get it done before you turn 18.