



Life To Eagle



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Life To Eagle



What are the Requirements for
Becoming an Eagle Scout?



Life To Eagle



**It is more than just an
Eagle project**



Life To Eagle - Requirements



1. Be active in your troop for at least 6 months as a Life Scout.
2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than you already have for the rank of Life Scout).
4. While a Life Scout serve actively for a period of 6 months in a position of responsibility
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.
6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.



Life To Eagle - Order



1. The Eagle requirements may be completed in any order.
2. The scout may find it beneficial to complete the Personal Management merit badge prior to starting his project, but this is optional.
3. The scout may also find it beneficial to have completed his leadership position of responsibility requirement to gain leadership experience prior to starting his service project, but this is optional.
4. The scout determines the order that makes the most sense for him.
5. A major part of successfully planning an Eagle project is identifying an appropriate time and when resources will be available. Parents, unit leaders, and the scouts' Eagle coach should try to assist in identifying the best time available for the scout to be successful in completing the project.



Life To Eagle – Merit Badges



Of the 21 Merit Badges needed for the rank of Eagle Scout, which are required?

• First Aid



• Citizenship in the Community



• Citizenship in the Nation



• Citizenship in the World



• Communications



• Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving



• Environmental Science or Sustainability



• Personal Management



• Personal Fitness



• Camping



• Family Life



• Cooking



• Swimming, Cycling, or Hiking





Life To Eagle - Leadership



Which leadership positions qualify for rank advancement?

- While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of 6 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility:

Boy 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, or Leave No Trace trainer.

Venture Crew:

- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster, Historian, Den Chief, Guide, Boatswain, Boatswain's mate, Yeoman, Purser, Storekeeper, Webmaster, or Leave No Trace trainer.

Varsity Scout Team:

- Captain, Co-captain, Program Manager, Squad Leader, Team Secretary, Order of the Arrow Team Representative, Librarian, Quartermaster, Chaplain Aide, Den Chief, or Instructor, Webmaster, or Leave No Trace trainer.



Life to Eagle – Service Project



From the Boy Scout Handbook:

“While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and provide leadership to others in an “Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project”.

Primary purpose of the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project...



Leadership !!!

The Eagle Service Project is the “capstone” event in the Scout’s career as a Boy Scout.

It’s purpose is:

- To demonstrate and give **LEADERSHIP**
-To others
-In a Service Project



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - **When to Start** -



The new Life Scout should ***start as soon as possible.***

The “Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook” will help the Scout plan and record his progress.

It will also help the Scout complete and submit a final report.

Get a copy of the workbook and other supporting information from the BSA national web site:

<https://www.scouting.org/forms.aspx>



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Getting Started -



The potential Eagle Scout should **find his own** project.

Scoutmasters, asst. scoutmasters, troop volunteers and parents should only **suggest where** the Scout should look to find possible projects. They can inform the Scout what has been done in the past, but they **must not set the project up** for the Scout.

“The Scout should ask “Does this project have the potential to allow me to:

→ **Plan**

→ **Develop**

→ **Provide Leadership”**



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Where to find Projects -



Contact representatives from potential service project organizations and ask about possible projects.

The Project Must Be Helpful to:

Any School

or

Any Religious organization

or

Your Community



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Where to find Projects -



Eagle service project proposals should meet the following criteria

1. The project should sufficient opportunity to meet the service and leadership requirement.
2. The project appears to be feasible.
3. Safety issues will be addressed.
4. Action steps for further detailed planning are included.
5. The young man is on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Where to find Projects -



Some Local Project Sites Include:

Churches, Daycare Centers, Nursing Homes, Schools, Humane Associations, City Parks, Bike Trail, Rehabilitation Centers, Department of Natural Resources, Forests

- The project must be significant and must fill a need.
- The project must not be for benefit of the Boy Scouts of America
- The project does not need to provide a lasting value



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Purpose of Project -



In the Eagle Service Project the Eagle Candidate must:

Plan
Develop
Give/Demonstrate Leadership

To a service project that requires

Planning...
Developing...
Leading...



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Purpose Leads to Scope of Project -



So...

The project must be substantial enough in scope so that the opportunity for planning, developing, and leading is there.

Routine, simple projects don't provide that opportunity.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Scope of Project -



How is the Eagle Service Project different from routine patrol and troop service projects performed earlier in the Scout's career?

In Troop service projects, the scout has been primarily a "helpful participant" on routine sorts of jobs of a simple nature i.e. food drives, picking up trash along roads, raking leaves, etc.

These projects have not required a great deal of leadership and planning.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Originality -



Does the leadership service project for Eagle have to be original, perhaps something you dream up that has never been done before?

The answer: No, but it certainly could be.

You may pick a project that has been done before, but you must accept responsibility for planning, directing, and following through to its successful completion on your own, without using any work done by another scout before you.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Limitations -



Routine labor (a job or service normally rendered) should not be considered.

Work involving council property or other BSA activity is not permitted.

The project also may not be performed for a business or an individual, be of a commercial nature, or be a fund-raiser.

(Fund-raising is permitted only for securing materials or supplies needed to carry out your project.)



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Official BSA Size Requirement -



How big of a project is required?

There are no specific requirements, as long as the project is helpful to a religious institution, school, or community and provides the opportunity to plan, develop, and lead.

The amount of time spent by you in planning your project and the actual working time spent in carrying out the project should be as much as is necessary for you to demonstrate your leadership of others.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Number of Hours -



How much effort (i.e. how many hours) are enough for an Eagle project?

There is no minimum requirement, but ...

Eagle web sites indicate about **45** hours as an average for Eagle projects.

Many Ohio Valley District projects are over **100** hours.

There is no minimum, but the number of hours must be adequate to demonstrate planning, developing and leadership.

Note: Projects anticipated to have 10-15 hours are probably not extensive enough to give the scout planning, developing, and leadership opportunities.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Where to find Projects -



**Let's Review some past projects and brainstorm
some new ideas...**

The Project must be significant and must fill a need.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- This is the scout's project! -



The Eagle scout project is the Scouts responsibility

- Leaders, friends, parents, family, and anyone else is welcome to help – **as long as the scout asks for the help**
- The scout is in charge of his project, and should be free to make his own decisions (even if he appears to be making a mistake)
- The only time a leader or adult should override a scout during his Eagle project is if someone is in danger, or if there is a violation of BSA guidelines.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Getting ready! -



- The scout will need to remember everything done on the project to complete your report, so a notebook is a very good idea.
- The notebook can be any size, but should only be used for the Eagle project.
 - Everything related to the project should be recorded in the notebook, with the date, the time, a description, and the amount of time spent.
 - Any and all time spent meeting, thinking, documenting, planning, developing, or working on the project by the scout or anyone else counts toward the project time.
 - Remember to record everyone's time.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Making Contacts -



You have an idea – now what?

Initial Contact People:

- (1) Troop Scoutmaster or Eagle Project Coach
 - To let him/her know you have a project idea
- (2) Troop Advancement Committee
 - To let them know you have a project idea and to make sure you are aware of the requirements
- (3) The Benefactor of the Project
 - The member who will describe the project that needs to be done and who will determine if the project was completed satisfactorily.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Making Contacts -



Meeting with the community representative:

- Dress appropriately
- Introduce yourself
- State your purpose / intention
- **Take notes in your notebook**
- Be certain of what is expected
- Will you need permission from any local, state, or other agency?
 - Building Permit?
- Will you need to call OUPS Hotline?
- Identify materials or tools you will need
- Identify the location of the project
- Create a timeline for completion
- Find out if your project will require funding
- Take “before” photos (if appropriate)



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Writing the Proposal -



The Project Description:

- Use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook from the BSA National Website
<https://www.scouting.org/forms.aspx>

The use a computer to input all required information is suggested
Required names and addresses and phone numbers

- State the purpose / intention of your project
 - Describe your project
 - Who will benefit
 - Why this project is important

Let's take a look at the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and take some notes.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Writing the Proposal -



The Project Details:

- Answer the basic questions of Who, What, Why, Where, When, and How. Include as much information as possible.
 - Identify materials and tools you will need
 - Identify any local, state, or other permissions you need
 - Any earth-moving? OUPS Hotline must be called.
 - Describe how you will lead your crew and provide for safety
 - Include construction plans (if appropriate)
 - Include maps (if appropriate)
 - Identify the location of the project
 - Project a timeline for completion
 - Describe how will you fund your project
 - Include a sample flyer
 - Include “before” photos (if appropriate)
 - Scan the photos in or mount.

Start working on your proposal



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project
- Proposal Approvals -



Obtain approvals and signatures

before work on the project is started

Eagle service project proposal must be approved by:

- The Benefactor of the Project
- Your Unit Leader (Scoutmaster)
- Unit Committee (Usually the Committee Chair)
- District Advancement Advisor

Please put your proposal in a report cover or binder with clear plastic sleeves for protection and neatness.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Proposal Approvals -



Things for troop leaders to look for...

- Are the project description and project details clearly written, complete, and understandable?
- Who will benefit and how will they benefit?
- Who can be contacted to verify the value of the project and the satisfactory completion of the project?



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Proposal Approvals -



All work connected to the Eagle Project (the writing, documentation, planning and the performing) should reflect...

A Scout's Best Effort!



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Leadership -



Leadership... What does it mean?

Taking charge by:

- Securing/arranging for the project.
- Doing the pre-planning for completion of all the tasks involved.
- Recruiting volunteers (scouts, adults, others).
- Assigning those volunteers to the tasks of the project.
- Supervising the tasks so that they are completed in a quality way.
- Staying in touch with the representative of the group to be served.
- Keeping careful track of hours involved (Eagle candidate and volunteers).
- Taking before and after photos.
- Preparing a final report in a quality way.
- Arranging for necessary carry-on of the project.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Leadership -



The Eagle Scout Candidate should be prepared to answer this question at his Eagle Board of Review,

“How did you demonstrate and provide leadership in your Eagle Project”

Don't do for a Scout what he can do for himself.





Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Carrying Out The Project -



Work Days

Plan and carry out your work days

- Keep accurate and detailed notes in your notebook - dates, crew members, hours worked, accomplishments, photos
- Organize your crew and adult workers / drivers
- Have your materials and tools on site
- Keep your crew hydrated and fed



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Carrying Out The Project -



Work Days

- Adults only on chain saws and mechanical splitters. Power tools are OK for some Boy Scouts per *Guide to Safe Scouting* **with proper safety equipment.** (See <http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Sweet16.aspx> and <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>)
- Prepare for emergencies / injuries
- Lead by example!
- Write down any changes or decisions that you make on the fly



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Carrying Out The Project -



Project Completion

Be sure that the beneficiary representative you worked with is satisfied with the outcome of the project.

Keep track of any changes that were made from the original proposal and make sure that the representative approves (additions, deletions, changes).



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Final Report -



The Documentation of your Project

- Include the following...
 - The original approved proposal pages
 - Final drawings and/or maps
 - Documentation of work
 - Paragraph or Journal entry format
 - Tell what happened, any unusual circumstances, any problems, leadership challenges, etc. Be as concise as possible.
 - Complete listing of materials including cost. List donations separately.
 - Complete listing of crew members
 - Names, days and hours worked
- Total time of project
 - Planning and project work time of Scout and crew
- Photos - Write captions to describe scenes
 - Scan-in or mount
- Describe any changes from the original proposal



Life to Eagle – Final Submissions



Completion and Submission of:

- Eagle Scout Rank Application
- Advancement Form
- Statement of Ambitions, Life Purpose, and Positions held
Requirement 6 on the Eagle Scout Rank Application



Life to Eagle – Final Submissions



Within Your Troop:

Eagle Scout Rank Application

Work with your Scoutmaster and the troop advancement committee to complete the application through “Unit Approval”. The rest is done at the Council level.

Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Final Report

Obtain all necessary signatures for final approval

Schedule and complete a Scoutmaster conference.

Schedule and complete a troop-level Board of Review



Life to Eagle – Council Approvals



District Verifications:

- Eagle Scout Rank Application
 - ✓ Should be submitted to the District Advancement Committee member who originally approved the Scout's service project
 - ✓ A copy of the most current Advancement Report from National for the scout should be attached (provided by the Troop Advancement Chairman)
 - ✓ Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Final Report



Life to Eagle – Council Approvals



District Verifications:

- ✓ Letters of Recommendation (recommendation letters come from the same people identified on the application)
- ✓ Letters will be collected by a designated member of the troop committee
- ✓ All references without letters will be contacted.
- ✓ Life Ambitions Letter
- ✓ Listing of all awards and achievements
- ✓ If all required dates and signatures are correct the application the Eagle Board of review is held



Life to Eagle – Board of Review



Eagle Scout Board of Review:

- **Only one Eagle Board of Review is permitted per scout.**
- During or after their review of the materials, the board members may decide not to convene the Board or Review so that problems and issues may be corrected or addressed.
- The Board of Review may be adjourned and reconvened.
- The decision of the Board members must be unanimous.
- Once complete, the decision of the board is final, and the Board of Review cannot be repeated, only appealed.



Life to Eagle – Board of Review



Scheduling the Eagle Scout Board of Review:

- The Eagle Board of Review cannot be scheduled until all requirements are complete and have been confirmed
- Date is determined, then confirmed with District Advancement Advisor
- Three to six members including the District Advancement Committee member. The Scout and the Scout's family may have no input into the selection of Board of Review members.



Life to Eagle – Board of Review



Scheduling the Eagle Scout Board of Review:

- Board members must
 - Be 21 or older and familiar with the goals of Boy Scouting
 - Committee members should be preferred
 - Do not have to be registered with the Boy Scouts of America
 - **Cannot** be the Scout's Parent or relatives
 - **Cannot** be the Scout's Unit Leaders
 - **Cannot** be the Pastor, coach, teacher, parent of a friend, neighbor, employer, etc.



Life to Eagle – Board of Review



Scheduling the Eagle Scout Board of Review:

The Eagle Scout Board of Review should be held before scouts 18th birthday.....but can be held:

3 months after 18th birthday – No explanation

3-6 months after 18th birthday – Letter explanation attached to application.

After 6 months - must receive approval from National Boy Scout Committee before Board of Review can be scheduled.



Life to Eagle – Board of Review



Preparing for the Eagle Scout Board of Review:

- The Eagle Scout candidate will appear for his Board of Review in their complete uniform, preferably with their merit badge sash.
- The unit will provide the Eagle Scout Rank Application, the Service Project Final Report, Scout's Goal Statement
- The letters of recommendation will be presented by the district advisor.
- The Board of Review Chairman will brief the Board regarding the process and their responsibilities.



Life to Eagle – Board of Review



Conducting the Eagle Scout Board of Review:

- The board members begin the process by reviewing the documentation and letters of recommendation
- It is the responsibility of the Eagle Board Members to do their best to identify any major issues or problems during their review of the documents in the hopes that the board of review will only be convened if everything is in order.
- If everything is in order, the board chairman convenes the Board of Review and invites the Scoutmaster (or a designated representative) to introduce the candidate.
- If anything is found to be inaccurate or incomplete (and cannot be immediately corrected,) the Board chairman should request that the scoutmaster and the scouts parents join them and should explain the reason for postponing the Board of Review and to outline what needs to be corrected.



Life to Eagle – Board of Review



Conducting the Eagle Scout Board of Review:

- The Eagle Scout Board of Review is not a test.
- The Eagle Scout candidate's Scouting, academic, extra-curricular, civic, and religious experiences are reviewed.
 - Scouting Program –
Leadership, involvement, merit badges, etc.
 - School involvement –
Leadership, academic, clubs, athletics, band, etc.
 - Community and Church involvement –
Leadership, volunteering, group activities
 - Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project
- The Eagle Scout Board of Review normally takes about one hour.
- The Board members must agree unanimously to recommend the candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout.



Life to Eagle – Final Steps



Following a Successful Eagle Scout Board of Review:

The Service Project Final Report is returned to the Scout.

The Eagle Scout Application is signed by the District Advancement Committee member and the Chair of the Board of Review. If available, a second copy may also be signed.

The Unit will submit these documents to the Council Service center

The Council Service Center submits the completed application to the National Service Center.

Approval is usually returned within 4 weeks.



Life to Eagle – Final Steps



The Eagle Scout Court of Honor

- After the National Service Center approves the application, the Eagle award is returned to the Council Service Center.
- The Unit Leader is contacted.
- The Eagle Scout works with his Unit Leader and Troop Committee to schedule his Court of Honor!



All the documents and instructions necessary to complete the trail from Life-to-Eagle are available on-line at <https://www.scouting.org/forms.aspx>



More Web Resources



Resources

- <http://parkviewscouting.org/eagle/index.html>
- <https://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/EagleWorkbookProcedures.aspx> Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (Requires Acrobat 9)
- https://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf Eagle Application
- <http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Sweet16.aspx> the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety
- <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf> - BSA Guide to Safe Scouting
- <http://www.meritbadge.com>
- <http://skcscouts.org> (Council Web site)
- <http://skcscouts.org/ohiovalley> (District Web Page)
- <https://skcscouts.org/nesa/> (Council Eagle resources page)
- <http://www.scouting.org> (National Web site)
- <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards.aspx>
National Advancement and Awards page
- <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/resources.aspx> National Advancement Resources page (with links to most forms)