

THE TRAIL TO EAGLE HINTS TO GET YOU THERE

Requirements for Eagle

- 21 merit badges
- 6 months in leadership position (POR)
- 6 months active in scouting
- Eagle Service Project
- Scoutmaster conference
- Life Statement
- Letters of Recommendation

Overview

- Discuss the Requirements for Eagle
- Eagle Scout Project
- Application
- Scoutmaster Conference
- Eagle Board Of Review
- Eagle Court Of Honor

Active in Troop

- 6 months, beginning after date of Life BOR

Leadership Position

- 6 months service, beginning after date of Life BOR
- Not all positions eligible
- Satisfactory performance determined by Scoutmaster

Merit Badges

- 12 Required
- Some take 3+ months to complete
 - Family Life
 - Personal Fitness
 - Personal Management
- Camping requires 20 days/nights camping (including 1 long-term camp)
 - 9 Optional

Eagle Project

- Must plan and conduct a project that benefits the community
 - Church, school, women's shelter, other non-profit organization
- Purpose is to learn how to lead and manage others
- Do not do all the work yourself
- Start planning early
- Use Eagle Project Workbook
 - Available on-line
- Develop a preliminary plan
 - What Is the Project
 - Should entail ~100 hours of service (guideline only)
 - Include your time planning the project
 - Work is done by many
 - Examples
 - Replanting Flower Beds
 - Shelving for Food Bank
 - Collect Used Eyeglasses
 - Plan and Conduct Holiday Party For Disabled Children
- Keep good records
 - Time you spend
 - Time spent by others
 - Scouts need community service
- Expect the unexpected
- Document with photos
- Presentation
- Develop detailed plan
 - What materials are needed
 - How will you get the materials?
 - Donations
 - Fund Raising
 - How many people
 - How long/when (include alternate dates)
 - Safety
- Approval Process
 - Draft preliminary plan
 - Reviewed and approved by
 - Official of group where service to be performed
 - Scoutmaster
 - Troop Committee Chair or Advancement Chair
 - District Advancement Chair
- When project is complete request that the service hours be submitted to BSA
 - Troop leaders will submit service hours
 - You will get a certificate in recognition of leadership
 - Place certificate in the project notebook

The Application

- Use proper form (available online as fillable .pdf, be sure to save completed form)
- Use official dates from TroopMaster records once they are verified with ScoutNet
- Name
- Dates
 - Dates between BORs
 - Dates for leadership
 - Dates for Merit Badges
 - Dates for membership
- Scoutmaster Conference
 - Must be done before your 18th birthday
 - Usually done by Scoutmaster
 - Bring application and Life Statement

Life Statement

- Statement Of Scout's Life Purpose
- Summary of leadership positions both in scouts and elsewhere

Committee Chair Meeting

- After Scoutmaster Conference
- Bring same papers as Scoutmaster Conference

Letters of Recommendation

- Process
 - Names and addresses to Advancement Chair
 - Request letters sent out
 - Must be received in sealed envelope
 - Becomes part of application
- Who
 - Parents
 - Religious (can be from parents)
 - Teacher
 - Employer (only if you are employed outside the home)
 - Two other adults
- Hints
 - Tell people they will get a letter requesting a recommendation
 - Follow up
 - List people who you respect and are likely to give a good recommendation

Troop Final Review

- Application and Eagle Workbook will be reviewed one final time to try and catch any errors or problems prior to submittal for Council review

Council Review

- Once all letters are received and application is complete, all material is reviewed by Council
- All dates checked
- Letters and life statement are reviewed

Eagle Scout Board Of Review

- Hints
 - Wear full uniform
 - Have Merit Badge sash & Scout Handbook
 - No unauthorized patches
- Review
 - Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan
 - Outdoor Code
- Be yourself
- Conducted separate from all other BORs
- Only one Scout per board
- Lasts 1+ hours
- Membership of Eagle BOR
 - One member of Troop Committee
 - District Advancement Chair
 - 1-3 other adults
 - Not parents or Scoutmasters
 - May invite others
- When BOR complete, Troop leadership submits your application to the National Council via the local Council (SHAC)

Review by National Council

- Application is sent to National for review and processing
- When National review is complete, Eagle certificate and credentials are returned to SHAC
- National review can take up to 6 weeks though 2-3 weeks is typical
- An expedited review is possible if Scout family pays additional processing costs
- The date of the Eagle Rank is the date of the BOR

Eagle Court Of Honor

- Planning
- Troop Will Provide
 - Eagle Presentation Kit
 - Slide And Neckerchief
 - Letters
- Troop leadership will assist with scheduling of COH

Conclusion

- Eagle Scout is an important accomplishment
- Something you must earn
- Troop and District Leaders are here to help you with the process
- 18th birthday is the key date