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# Life to Eagle Seminar

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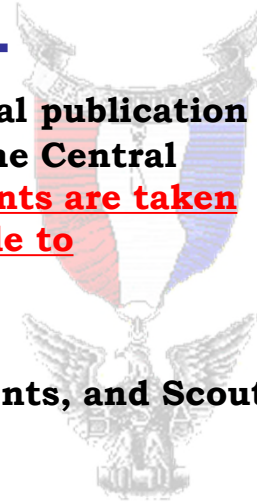
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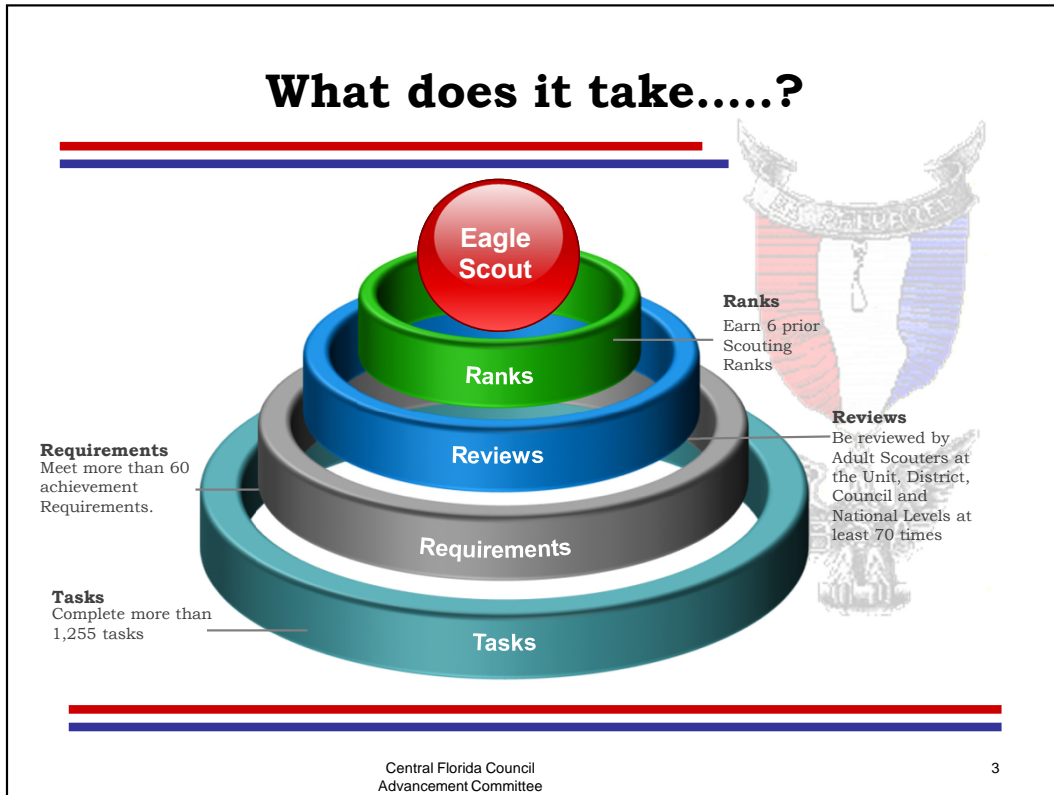
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**It is prepared to assist Scouts, Parents, and Scout Leaders.**



# What does it take.....?



We have a wide variety of scouts and scouters here today. First Class, Star, and Life Scouts along with parents of scouts at many ranks. So we wanted to remind you, wherever you are in your scouting program, becoming Eagle is a big, but very doable objective.

But why should you want to become an Eagle? Can you think of any benefits you might get for going through all this work?

(Military: +1 rank, Job: priority, College Scholarships)

## Purpose of this Workshop



Review the 10 steps from Life to Eagle



Review the requirements for the Eagle Scout



Explain the procedures used in Central Florida Council



Review the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Requirements



While becoming Eagle begins when you bridge into Scouts, We'll focus this workshop on the trail from Life rank to Eagle. We'll review both the rank requirements as well as the requirements for the Service Project and explain the procedures used in the Orange County Council.

# Who Sets Eagle Scout Requirements?

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## Set by BSA National Committee

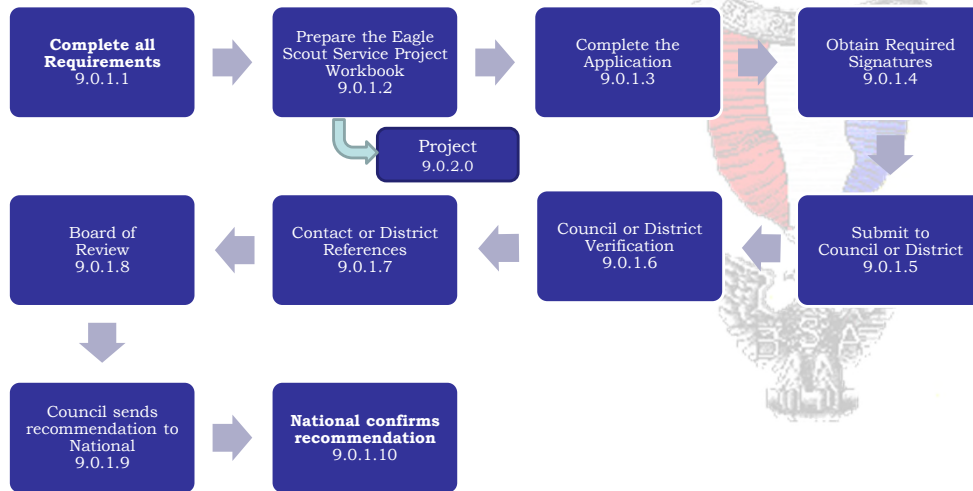
- **Guide to Advancement, 2021, #33088**
- **Scout Requirements, # 9010**
- **Eagle Scout Application, #512-728**
- **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, #2021C**

**Central Florida Council Advancement Committee implements policies and procedures of BSA National and Council.**

**NO Council, District, Unit or Individual has the authority to ADD to, or SUBTRACT from, any BSA advancement requirement.**

We want you to know that what we present to you today is not simply our understanding of the process. Everything we will be telling you is found in official BSA publications. In fact, for most of the presentation, we'll tell you where to find it.

# 10 Steps to Eagle



These are the steps we'll review. The numbers listed below the words all come from the 2017 BSA Guide to Advancement. You can obtain this from the scout shop, or online.

# Complete all Requirements

(Guide to Advancement 9.0.1.1)

## Must be completed BEFORE 18

- Be active for six (6) months after Life rank.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Earn at least 21 Merit Badges (including the 14 required for the Eagle Scout rank)
- Hold a position of responsibility for a period of 6 months after earning Life rank
- Complete an Eagle Scout Service Project
- Take part in a Unit Leader Conference

## May be completed AFTER 18

- Successfully complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review

The most important information we can give you is that, with one exception, the requirements to become an Eagle scout must be completed BEFORE you turn 18. Not the day you turn 18, BEFORE. Anyone not know when their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday happens? The only requirement that may be completed after turning 18 is your Board of Review and we'll give you some guidance on that as well.

## Requirement #1 – Be Active

Be active in your troop, team, ship or crew for a period of at least six (6) months after you earned the rank of Life Scout.

Guide to Advancement 4.2.3.1.

- Any six (6) month period, not necessarily consecutive
- 3 sequential tests to determine if requirement has been met:
  - Scout is registered
  - Scout is in good standing (not dismissed for disciplinary reasons)
  - Scout meets the unit's reasonable expectations; or if not, a lesser level of activity is explained (other positive endeavors)

Requirement #1 is to be active in your unit for 6 months in the rank of Life Scout. It can be any 6 months and they don't need to be consecutive. There are three rules to determine if you are active. (Discuss)

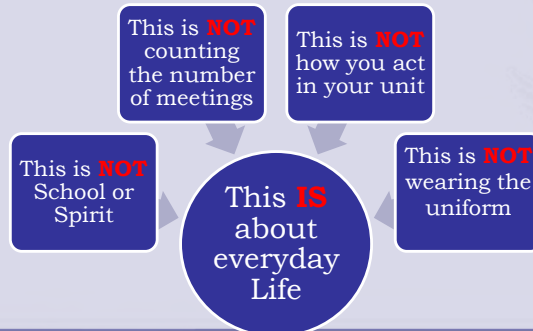


## Requirement #2 – Scout Spirit

Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your daily life.

Guide to Advancement 4.2.3.2

**Becoming an Eagle transcends the idea of “Rank” and speaks to how you intend to live your life.**



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Requirement #2 is to demonstrate Scout Spirit.

Remember, you are Scout-Life for however long you hold that rank until you are 18. You will be an Eagle for the rest of your life. Although this is the same requirement for all ranks, depending on how your scout spirit has been evaluated for Scout-Life, you may find you are evaluated differently.

## Requirement #3 – Merit Badges

**Earn a total of 21 Merit Badges including the following**

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

**\*\* You must choose only one of these merit badges as a “Required” Merit Badge.**

## Merit Badges and Scouts with Disabilities

Though individual requirements for merit badges may not be modified or substituted, youth with special needs may request approval for alternative badges they *can* complete.

Guide to Advancement 33088.

- Contact your District Advancement Chair for guidance
- See Guide to Advancement section # 9010 for full details
- Visit the OCC Advancement site ([www.ocbsa.org/bsaadvancement/](http://www.ocbsa.org/bsaadvancement/))

Although everyone must complete 21 Merit Badges, BSA offers modifications for youth with disabilities. While we won't discuss that in depth here, if you are a parent here who has a child with a disability, or know someone in your unit who falls into this category, please contact your District Advancement Chair as soon as possible so we can work with you to help your scout become Eagle.

## Requirement #4 – Position of Responsibility

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While a Life Scout, serve actively in your troop for (six) months in one or more...positions of responsibility.

Guide to Advancement 4.2.3.4.

- Only certain positions are acceptable for Eagle rank
- Any six (6) month period, not necessarily consecutive
- Must be performed while a Life Scout

Requirement #4 is for position of responsibility. As with being active in your unit, the time you spend in your position does not need to be consecutive, nor does it need to be the same position. However, it **MUST** be done while you are a Life Scout and there are some positions, like Bugler, that do not qualify as a position of responsibility for the rank of Eagle. You can find those exceptions in the Guide to Advancement or your Scout Handbook.

## Requirement #5 – Eagle Scout Service Project

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.

Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.0.

**More to follow later..**

Requirement #5 is the Project and we'll discuss that at length later in the program.

## Requirement #6 – Unit Leader Conference

Take part in a unit leader conference.

Guide to Advancement 4.2.3.5.

- Need not be the final step (9.0.1.1)
- Unit Leader may hold multiple conferences and any one may be used to fulfill the requirements.

Requirement #6 is to have a Unit Leader Conference, sometimes referred to as a SM Conference. While this is chronologically listed as the last thing that needs to be done before turning 18, it does not need to be the last thing done. A Unit Leader Conference is always helpful to assist you and guide your progress. Multiple conferences are acceptable and any one may be used to fulfill the requirement.

## Requirement #7 – Board of Review

Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

**More to follow later..**

The last requirement is to complete your Board of Review and we'll discuss the particulars of that later.

## Requirement #5 – Eagle Scout Service Project

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.

Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.0, Eagle Scout requirement 5

- 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 district before you start.
- You must use the current Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, in meeting this requirement.

Now, let's talk about the Project. The three most important things we want you to remember are that:

- 1) The project cannot be done for the Boy Scouts of America. Almost any other organization qualifies, but we'll give you some details in a few slides.
- 2) Before you start anything, a project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and your district. And finally,
- 3) You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, Currently Feb 2023 2023a is the most current, in meeting this requirement.

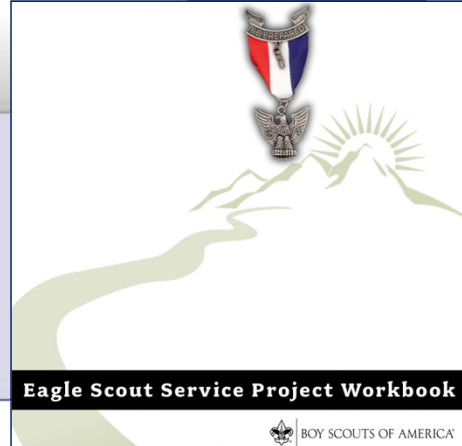


## Requirement #5 – Eagle Scout Service Project



A few simple steps.

- How do I pick a project?
- What rules do I need to follow?
- How do I know I've done everything correctly?
- Fundraising



So we'll go through this following these few steps.

## Picking a Project

Please take a moment to think about these questions. You may choose to write them on a separate sheet of.

- What are your current interests outside of Scouting?
- What are your best skills?
- Outside of Scouting, what schools, churches and community groups have influenced your life?
- What needs to be done for these groups?
- How can you use your best skills to help?
- Who would you contact to find how you can help?

**Congratulations!**  
**You've just chosen a project and identified the beneficiary!**

Picking a project is probably the step that most scouts struggle with the longest. But it doesn't need to be that hard. Take out a piece of paper, or write on the back of your presentation materials all of these steps. [CLICK] **Congratulations!**  
**You've just chosen a project and identified the beneficiary!**

## What rules do I need to follow?

“While a Life Scout...”

Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.2

- **Work cannot begin until you earn the rank of Life.**
- When you earn Life:
  - Contact your Unit Advancement Chair (or Eagle Coordinator) and get a Life to Eagle Packet.
  - Contact your District Advancement staff and be assigned a District Representative (Eagle Advisor).
  - It's recommended that you also use an Eagle Project Coach to help you plan and execute your project. (9.0.2.9) After your project proposal has been approved, your Coach can:
    - Meet with a Scout before work begins, ask the Scout to describe how to plan the project, and offer advice accordingly.
    - Act as a consultant to point out health and safety issues, advise in the planning process, discuss the plan strengths, weaknesses, and risks; and suggest critical improvements.
    - Discuss the project report with the Scout and offer advice on how to make a strong presentation at their board of review.

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There are obviously some rules that you must follow:

Most importantly, you **cannot begin until you earn the rank of Life.**

When you earn Life:

- 1) Contact your Unit Advancement Chair (or Eagle Coordinator) and get a Life to Eagle Packet. It will contain a lot of this material and help you get started.
- 2) Contact your District Advancement staff and be assigned a District Representative (Eagle Advisor) to help you with the process.
- 3) We strongly recommend you use an Eagle Project Coach to help you plan and execute

your project. Your Coach may be from your unit or not but should be a subject matter expert in what your project entails. No one expects you to be an expert in all the things you will need to do to perform your project. But Leadership is identifying and using all the necessary resources to help you be successful.

## What rules do I need to follow?

“Plan, Develop...”

Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.3

- Planning and developing are part of the project. Even before you start work! Keep track of the time you spend on this.
- Develop a proposal that meets these 5 requirements (9.0.2.7):
  - Your project provides sufficient opportunity to meet the requirements.
  - Your project appears to be feasible.
  - You have considered safety issues and have addressed them.
  - You’ve thought through and indicated any action steps to help with further detailed planning.
  - You are on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience
- Your proposal, as documented in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, must be approved **IN WRITING** by the Beneficiary, your Unit Leader, Unit Committee and District Representative **before you begin**. (9.0.2.7.)

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Everything you do for your project IS PART OF THE PROJECT. Keep track of who you talk with, the time you spend actively thinking about the project, any research or discussions with your leaders, parents or other scouts and, of course, the time actually performing the project. All of that time is captured as time spent on your project and will be recorded in your project workbook.

But even before you have a defined project, you must develop a proposal and have it approved IN WRITING, before you begin doing actual work. The approvals are from your Beneficiary, your Unit Leader, Unit Committee and District Representative. Your District Representative is the last one to approve and he or she will be looking to know whether you meet 5 requirements.

## What rules do I need to follow?

“Give Leadership to Others...”

Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.4

- You must lead at least 2 other people .
- They may be Scouts/Scouters, but it's not required.
- There is NO minimum or maximum number of volunteers or hours of work needed to carry out your Eagle Scout Service Project (but you need to keep track of all the hours).
- There is no requirement that the project have “lasting value”

The Leadership requirement is simple: You must lead 2 other people. While there is no set number of hours necessary, as we discussed in the last slide, hours add up pretty quickly. If you discuss a potential project with your SM for 15 minutes, then discuss it with your proposed beneficiary for another 15 minutes, although that seems like only 30 minutes, it's at least twice that because there are at least 2 people in each discussion.

## What rules do I need to follow?

“Helpful to any Religious Institution, School, or Your Community.”

Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.5, 9.0.2.6

- It may include both ‘for profit’ and ‘non-profit groups.
- It may not be:
  - Performed for a business (unless the business is in support of the community),
  - Of a commercial nature, or
  - For the benefit of an individual.
- The Project may not involve Council or BSA properties.

There are a lot of misconceptions about for whom the project can be conducted. As we said earlier, it cannot be done for the BSA or on any BSA property.

Other than that, it can be done for a non-profit OR a for profit organization. If it's for a profit based company, take care that it's not a commercial based nature. The key test is whether the project primarily benefits the community, as opposed to the profits of the business.

Normally “your community” would not refer to a single individual. However, an approved opportunity may be where an individual in need can affect a community, such as an elderly person able to live at home but unable to maintain their property causing a related dangerous situation. The challenge lies in who will provide approvals. They must come from a source representing the “community,” such as a neighborhood association, watch group, homeowners association, or perhaps a division of a town or county.

## What rules do I need to follow?

### What makes an acceptable project?

- Routine labor, a job normally rendered, is not normally appropriate for an Eagle project. (4.3.2.2-Venture, 9.0.2.11 Boy Scout)
- Can you demonstrate leadership?
- Is planning and development required?
- Must satisfy your beneficiary and adhere to their rules.
- This is YOUR project alone.
  - The Scout must plan the work, organize the personnel needed, and direct the project to completion.
  - A candidate may not use participation in the project of another Eagle candidate to satisfy the Eagle Scout Service Project requirement
  - You may not copy or otherwise share your responsibilities for planning, developing or providing leadership to others

The real key to determining an acceptable project is can you demonstrate leadership thorough planning, development and execution?

Remember, this is your time to shine. You may not share your project with another. You alone must satisfy your beneficiary's needs.



## What rules do I need to follow?

“Use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook”

Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.8.

- Following the Workbook ensures you:
  - Are following the correct process.
  - Have captured the appropriate approvals.
  - Have Documented appropriate details.
  - Provide your Board of Review the information to determine if you have met the requirements.

The last rule we want to tell you about is that you must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. **AND MAKE SURE YOU USE THE CURRENT VERSION.**

You can obtain the Workbook on line and even fill it in electronically. Using the workbook almost guarantees your success because it will walk you through all the appropriate steps and approvals.

# Using the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

## Section: Contact Information

- Name, Unit information (Committee Chair, Advancement Coordinator, Beneficiary, Council, District Representative)

## Section: Project Proposal

- Describe project broadly
- This is the part that needs 4 Approvals

### 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 to 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) that we have agreed to. We understand any fund raising he 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 further encourage him to share it with a project coach who has been designated for him.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

When using the workbook, you'll be asked to identify contact information to help ensure you meet all the necessary steps. The first step in the project is to develop a proposal. Extreme details are not necessary. You just need to describe the project broadly in order to get the 4 approvals necessary for you to begin work. Your District Representative must be the final approval.

## Using the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

### Section: Project Final Plan

- This is your **detailed** plan (after approval)
  - Material,
  - Time, labor, and schedule,
  - Safety,
  - Tools,
  - Expenses,
  - Permits,
  - Logistics,
  - Contingency plans, etc..
- Detail how you will demonstrate Leadership

**When your detailed plan is complete,  
carry out your project!**

After Proposal approval, you need to develop your detailed plan. This is the heart of your project.

Then [CLICK] Carry out your project.

# Using the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

Section: Project Report

- Describe the results; What happened?

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

	Number of Workers	Total Hours Worked
The Eagle Scout candidate	1	
Registered BSA youth members		
Other youth (brothers, sisters, friends, etc., who are not BSA members)		
Registered BSA adult Scouting volunteers and leaders		
Other adults (parents, grandparents, etc., who are not BSA members)		
<b>Grand Total of Hours</b> (Enter here and on your Eagle Scout Rank Application.)	1	

Show logs of your efforts.

Requires your promise and 2 approvals.

<b>Candidate's Promise</b>		<i>Sign below before you seek the other approvals.</i>	
On my honor as a Scout, I was the leader of my Eagle Scout service project and executed it as reported here.			
Signed:		Date:	
<b>Approvals</b>			
In my opinion, this Eagle Scout service project meets Eagle Scout requirement 5, as stated on page 4 of this workbook.			
<b>Beneficiary name:</b>		<b>Unit leader name:</b>	
Signed:		Signed:	
Date:		Date:	

Although we know this will take time, once you complete your project, you're not finished yet.

The Service Project Report lets you describe the differences between your Final Plan and what actually happened. You can describe what went well, what was challenging and generally, how you led the project.

You must sign the promise that you completed and were the leader of the project and your beneficiary must sign that they are happy with what you did.

## What rules do I need to follow?

### Fundraising

Guide to Advancement section 9.0.2.10.

- Fundraising is not required but can provide evidence of Leadership.
- Projects may not be Fundraisers
  - Fund raising is permitted only for the purpose of acquiring the materials and supplies needed to carry out your project.
- Fundraising must conform to the Guide to Safe Scouting

Now, let's talk about how you fund your project. One common myth is that a scout must raise funds to carry out a project. That's not necessarily true, but fundraising does demonstrate evidence of leadership.

When done, Fundraising is only for the purpose of acquiring materials and supplies. Your project may not simply be a fundraiser.

## What rules do I need to follow?

### Fundraising

#### Orange County Council Policy

- Any Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising effort that is expected to raise less than \$1000.00 from other than exempt parties (the Scout, the Scout's parents, relatives, unit members, its chartered organization, parents of unit members, or the beneficiary) does not require an Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application. There are no limits on funds raised from exempt parties.
- Eagle Scout Service Projects that are expected to raise more than \$1000.00 (except from exempt parties) must utilize the Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application. This \$1000.00 limit of non-exempt funds applies to the total of cash and gifts in kind.

The Guide to Advancement allows Councils to set their own rules on how fundraising can be performed. Orange County Council has adopted some special rules that we show here.

## What rules do I need to follow?

What if things go wrong with my project?

- Even the best planned activities sometimes need change. You will not necessarily be penalized if you had to vary from your plan.
- On the other hand, if your project did not substantially follow your plan . . . then have you truly demonstrated the leadership skills expected of an Eagle Scout?
- Your project must be completed according to the wishes of your beneficiary. If you need to make substantial changes, you must verify they are acceptable to your beneficiary.

Nobody expects you to be perfect. Remember, Do Your Best and Be Prepared are the lynchpins of the scouting program. Things may go wrong. How you handle them is a testament to your leadership.

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- ✓ Eagle Candidate needs to contact Lynette Dukes:
  - ✓ [Lynette.Dukes@cflscouting.org](mailto:Lynette.Dukes@cflscouting.org)
  
  - ✓ To get Eagle checklist and instructions
  - ✓ Subject Line: **Eagle Scout Form Request**
  - ✓ Body of Email: **Full Legal Name, Date of Birth**  
and the **Unit Registered with**





## The Final Steps

### Preparing for your Board of Review

- Reviewing all materials
- Preparing your Eagle Scout Rank Application
- Confidential Appraisals
- Staffing the Board of Review

So all the requirements are done, your project is completed, you've had your Unit Leader conference, it's time to get ready for your Board of Review.

We'll discuss all these topics.

## Reviewing All Materials

### District Representative review

- Your District Representative will:
  - Review your Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to ensure you've documented everything correctly.
  - Provide guidance for your next steps and collect any additional materials to be sent to Council.
    - Confidential Appraisals
    - Statement of Ambition and Life Purpose

Hopefully, you will have been meeting with your District Representative all along to make sure you are on the right path. As soon as possible after you complete your project, your District Representative will help Review your Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to ensure you've documented everything correctly and provide guidance for your next steps. One of these steps is to provide materials to your Board of Review to give them insight into who you are and what the scouting program has meant to you, done for you and how you intend to use your skills and rank in the future.

The two materials are a Statement of Ambition and Life Purpose and ask 5-6 people to perform a Confidential Appraisal of your character and adherence to the Scout Oath and Law.

# Eagle Scout Rank Application

You must use BSA form 512-728

Guide to Advancement 9.0.2.10.

- Always ensure you have the correct version!

## Information and Dates

- Be sure all dates are correct
  - Use Internet Advancement Report or Contact Council to verify
- List only 21 merit badges
  - Include unit numbers for merit badges.
- Position(s) of Responsibility
- Provide all 6 references (5 if not working).
- Signatures
  - Yours
  - Unit Leader
  - Committee Chair

In order to prepare for your Board of Review, you must complete your Eagle Scout Rank Application.

This is your official request to be considered an Eagle Scout. Please make sure all dates and information are correct, you have identified the people to whom you have requested Confidential Appraisals and that all signatures are on the application.

## Confidential Letters of Recommendation

Use the official Letter of Recommendation.

- Give to references listed on your application
  - Parents
  - Educator
  - Employer (optional)
  - Religious Leader
    - If no, religious leader, list your parents
  - Two additional
    - Any two. Scouting/non-Scouting, Over/Under 21
    - Stamped envelope, pre-addressed to be sent to your District Representative/Troop Advancement Chair.
- **THESE MAY NOT BE DONE ELECTRONICALLY! (no email)**

The application lists specific rules for who should provide Letters of Recommendation. You should print the official OCBSA form and give them to your references along with a pre-stamped envelope pre-addressed to your District Representative.

This MAY NOT BE DONE ELECTRONICALLY.

## Other Materials

(Guide to Advancement 9.0.1.3)

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### Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose

- This will assist your Board of Review in understanding your goals and aspirations.

### Listing of Positions, Honors and Awards

- This will assist your Board of Review in determining what you did on your Trail to Eagle.

In addition to the Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose, you should also list all your positions, Honors and Awards, both inside and outside of Scouting.

## Conducting the Board of Review

Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

- Need not be completed before age 18. (8.0.3.1)
  - You have 90 days and an extension is sometimes possible
- A uniform is preferred but not mandatory. (8.0.0.4)
- Specific rules apply for Eagle Boards of review (8.0.3.0). Some examples include:
  - May only have one Eagle Board of Review. (8.0.3.2)
  - Decision must be unanimous. (8.0.1.4)
- May not occur until Council has verified the application. (9.0.1.6, 8.0.3.0)
- May not be refused. (8.0.3.2)
  - If you are denied a Board of Review, contact your District Advancement Chair.

Finally, it's time for your Board of Review.

(Discuss all points)

## Staffing the Board of Review

Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

- Your District Representative is usually the chair of the Board and is responsible to staff the Board. (8.0.3.0)
- No fewer than 3 and no more than 6 members (all at least 21 years old).
- No unit leaders or assistants.
- Parents may not serve for their own Scout.
- Not required that all members be Registered Scouters.
- Must include at least one District or Council Representative, not affiliated with the unit.

Finally, it's time for your Board of Review.

(Discuss all points)

## After your Board of Review

### Successes

- Board will sign your Eagle Application and you will need to forward it back to Council (9.0.1.8)
- Council will verify the Application is appropriately documented and forward to National (9.0.1.9)
- National will notify the Council of the official decision (9.0.1.10)

### Date of Rank

- Your Eagle Board of Review will be the date of your Eagle Rank. However, until notified by National that your application has been approved, you may not (8.0.3.1)
  - Refer to yourself as an Eagle
  - Purchase any Eagle patches
  - Schedule or conduct a Court of Honor

When you are successful, the Board will sign your Eagle Application and ensure it is forwarded to Council. Council will verify the Application is appropriately documented and forward to National and National will notify the Council of the official decision. You will receive an email notifying you of your success.

If you are not successful, you have an opportunity to appeal the decision. That process is detailed and you will be instructed what to do at the time.



## After your Board of Review

### Challenges

- Scouts and their parents may appeal an adverse decision for Star, Life or Eagle rank. (8.0.4.0)
- Star and Life appeals are reviewed by Council
- Eagle appeals are reviewed by Council/National, but the ultimate decision lies with National.
- If an appeal is appropriate, your District Representative will discuss the process with you before your Board disperses.

When you are successful, the Board will sign your Eagle Application and ensure it is forwarded to Council. Council will verify the Application is appropriately documented and forward to National and National will notify the Council of the official decision. You will receive an email notifying you of your success.

If you are not successful, you have an opportunity to appeal the decision. That process is detailed and you will be instructed what to do at the time.

## Special Topics

### Extensions (9.0.4.0)

- Requests must be in writing to your District Advancement Chair who will document any necessary information and forward to B.S.A. National.
- Approval for any extension must be granted by B.S.A. National.
- Extensions are sometimes granted, but are based on extenuating circumstances that are totally beyond the control of the Scout
- **Don't count on it!**

We always get questions about what happens if you need a little more time. Extensions are sometimes granted, but are based on extenuating circumstances that are totally beyond the control of the Scout. In other words, don't count on it. Anyone not know when they turn 18?

## Special Topics

### What if you are having problems?

- Get HELP: (Quickly, do not wait for it to get better on its own)
  - Do not delay, the more promptly problems can be resolved the better.
- Talk to your Scoutmaster, Team Coach, Ship Skipper, or Venture Crew Advisor.
- All Scouts have the right to ask for a board of review at any time. If you are having a problem within your unit:
  - Talk to your Unit Advancement Chairperson.
  - Talk to your Unit or District Eagle Coach
  - Talk to your Unit Committee Chairperson.
  - Talk to your District Advancement Chairperson.
- If you think you are not being treated fairly or that you are being held to extraordinary standards, contact the District Advancement Chairperson or the District Chairperson.

Finally, your leaders are there to help you. If you are having difficulty, talk to them as soon as possible. If you think you are not being treated fairly or that you are being held to extraordinary standards, contact the District Advancement Chairperson or the District Chairperson.

## Special Topics

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If you are almost 18...

- Work hard to complete your requirements.
- Talk to your leaders now so that they can help you and warn you of problems.
- Remember that adult leaders have busy lives. Be respectful of others schedules.
- Know your deadlines in advance.

Remember, keep working, keep talking and remember your deadlines.

## Special Topics

### Eagle Myths

- The Scout can not receive help from their parents
- The project must involve wood construction
- Can not involve any volunteers from outside the unit
- Must include multi-media presentations
- The project must be completed within 30 days
- The project must be completed as the last requirement
- The project write-up must be done in such a way that any other Scout could complete it
- The Scout must be 16 years of age before beginning work
- The project must have a minimum of 200 hours
- The project must have “lasting value”

At this time, we'd like to dispel some common myths about the Eagle rank and project.

## Q & A

Any Questions?

Thanks!

This concludes today's workshop.

We'll be happy to take any questions and also to point you to the OCBSA Advancement Website.

Thanks.