

Troop 601 Trail to Eagle

Becoming an Eagle Scout is your ambition, and therefore, your responsibility. Your Scoutmasters and Eagle Advisor, and others will stand behind you and support you on your journey. You must now focus yourself on the six remaining requirements that stand between you and an Eagle Scout for life.



Requirement 1

Be Active in your troop, for a period of at least six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout.

This may seem easy. However, you should note the word **active**. This requirement goes beyond just being registered. It means that you are active at troop meetings, campouts, and are a contributing member of Troop 601.

Requirement 2

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

List the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf. It's important they are legible with complete and accurate addresses including zip codes

References should not be current scout leaders, as their signatures on your project and application vouch for ability and competency already. Have at least four references from different areas of your life outside of scouting.

Requirement 3

Earn a total of 21 merit badges (required badges are listed in the Scout book). List the month, day, and year the merit badge was earned.

For the nine non-eagle required badges use the first nine earned, this makes paperwork easier later for palms. Use the date you earned the badge not the Court of Honor date. (ask for a troop master print out)

Requirement 4

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

You may have several positions while a Life scout, use the two that reflected the most leadership, for example BUGLAR would not be a good choice. If you are a new Life scout remember that Leadership is the number one priority for an Eagle candidate.

Requirement 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 idea must be preapproved by the organization benefiting by the project as well as your Scoutmaster and Troop Committee and District Advancement Chair before you start. You must use the *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, No. 18-927*, in meeting this requirement.

The Eagle project workbook is going to be the starting point for your eagle project. Use the pages in the workbook to record your plans and progress. Remember that others will be reading these pages. You should print, type, or write legibly. The workbook serves as the proof that your project was approved before you began. **It is important that no work be done on your project until all approval is given to your idea.** Read the entire Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook before beginning your project. It contains questions and asks for information that will make it easy to determine if your project is within the guidelines of an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. The ability for you to provide leadership, to others, in accomplishing a task, is the fundamental concept behind the Eagle Scout Project. When selecting a project you must select one that will challenge you and your abilities. Not every project is appropriate for every Scout. Troop 601 requires that you to select an adult mentor to guide you through the process. (See your Scoutmaster for a list of Adult Mentors). This adult will not be doing the project for you just guiding and answering questions and allowing you to bounce ideas around. The project booklet can be found in an editable PDF format online at www.NESA.org This format is recommended as the pages are expandable.

When you are ready for an eagle project see your Scoutmaster, other troop leaders, check the internet for ideas, visit state park rangers and other community leaders for ideas.

Once the project is found the following questions must be answered to get the approval and signatures of all three parties.

The order of approvals is as follows:

Organization you wish to complete project.

Scoutmaster

Troop Core Group of Assistant Scoutmasters

District Advancement Chair

It is important that no work be done on your project until all approval is given to your idea

At this point your mentor becomes your guide as you complete the process.

Full description of the project, assume you were sick and a tenderfoot scout was carrying out the project, your description was all he had, could he follow it?

How many total hours will the project take, total means you and all helpers.

How many helpers will you need, include Troop 601 members in your project.

Estimate the cost of the project, where will the funds come from?

What kind of skills will your helpers need and what equipment will be needed?

HOW WILL YOU SHOW LEADERSHIP?

Remember you cannot start the project until all approvals are received.

Remember to follow the guide to safe scouting.

Remember to limit the "I WILLS" in your description.

Remember to log all hours, even before approval.

Remember lots of pictures, before, during and after.

Upon completion, the project will be inspected and approved by your Scoutmaster or his designee and the representative from the organization served. ***The Leadership Service Project Workbook*** requires the signature of both mentioned people to declare your project finished and complete. This needs to be done before your Eagle Scout Rank Application is submitted to the District Advancement Committee. You should spend some time and prepare a "final report" of your project. This report should summarize your project, include all pictures, publications and your diary of events. The report will make it easier for the members of your board of review to recognize that your project is indeed truly worthy of being called an Eagle Scout Project. Be sure to emphasize your **Leadership**, your **Planning**, and your **Organization**.

Requirement 6

Attach to this 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 training courses and awards received during this service. -- Take part in a Scoutmaster conference

The Eagle Application can be found on the NESAs web site or the DMVC.org web site.

This single requirement really has two separate parts. The first part is your statement. This is an excellent opportunity for you to tell members of your board of review what you do outside of Scouting. The statement will reveal how you have matured through your involvement in Scouting. Scouts who have been successful in Scouting will find that this success has spread to

other areas of their life. This is especially true of Eagle candidates, because you have actually developed character, which demonstrates the Scout Oath and Law in everything you do. List all the various awards and honors you have achieved in life. These may be a medal, plaque, or certificate; they could also be a different type of honor. An example, a letter from a principal or volunteer organization recognizing your contributions, or it may be a letter from an elected official thanking you for being their assistant (a Page etc.) for a season. Perhaps you may have a newspaper article mentioning you. If it made you feel honored, it counts! **Your mentor can help you with ideas for this paper.**

The second part is your Scoutmaster conference. You've been through this experience before, but here, of course, it is more significant. You are applying for the highest honor available from the Boy Scouts of America. This conference will be held in an informal setting with the Scoutmaster and one assistant scoutmaster to review all your documents, project booklet, and confirm that you are indeed ready to become an Eagle.

☞ Remember, this scoutmaster conference must occur prior to your 18th birthday. Your application is a reflection of you and the work you have completed to get this far in Scouting. It is very important that the information on the application be NEAT and LEGIBLE. Any problems with the information on your application can delay your board of review..

Copies of your merit badges on your application would be helpful to the council in case there is a discrepancy on the merit badges you have earned

Note that a new Application will be coming out January 1st 2010 and all Eagle applications received after that date must be on the new forms

☞ **You must provide three additional photocopies of all work with your application.** These copies will be provided to the members of your Board of Review.

When your paperwork is received and approved your District Advancement Committee will contact you to setup your BOR for Eagle.

Troop 601 will conduct a mock BOR to help you prepare for the District BOR. At that BOR their will be 3 to 6 members including one from Troop 601 whom you pick. Your Scoutmaster or his designee will introduce you at the BOR and sit with you while you are being interviewed.

Remember that the process of becoming Eagle is at least Six months from the date you become a Life Scout. Don't rush it or cut corners, you will be rewarded if you complete the process using all the tools provided to you through scouting, home and school. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a proud moment that only a few experience.

Good Luck – have fun traveling that last section of the mountain, and when you get to the Top look back, smile and thank those that help you soar. Yes, soar because you are an Eagle!