

Welcome to Eaglescout.org, the site dedicated to helping Scouts become Eagle Scouts!

We've collected a lot of resources to assist you in achieving Eagle Scout rank and planning the celebration to follow - everything from Eagle planning guides to extensive court of honor materials. Whether you are a Boy Scout looking for practical resources for yourself, a parent who is supporting your very own Eagle Scout candidate, or a Scouter helping one boy or assisting hundreds, you'll find tools that will empower you and help you do your best!

We've also collected a bit of history of Eagle Rank requirements as taken from old handbooks of the Boy Scouts of America and other materials of interest to Scouts and Scouters.

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the path

If you are a Life Scout, or just about to become one, this information is for you! Within is the collected wisdom of many an Eagle Scout who has taken the path before you. We are not here to do your thinking for you, but rather to help you have the best possible experience while achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. **Please note! The current application form (#512-728) is dated 2010 on the bottom of the back side, and it states "Please use the most current application found at www.scouting.org/scoutsource/media/forms.aspx".**

Planning for success -- Getting started and keeping on track is key to your success.

Requirement 1 -- Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for a period of at six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout.

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.

Requirement 3 -- Earn a total of 21 merit badges (required badges are listed on the application). List the month, day, and year the merit badge was earned.

Requirement 4 -- While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of six months in a position of responsibility.

Requirement 5 -- Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project. WOW! We have collected lots of information to help you get this daunting task accomplished. Everything from selecting a project to documenting it.

Requirement 6 -- Statement of ambitions and life purpose; hold Scoutmasters conference.

Planning Guide -- A great compilation of information from Joe Sinniger (included with his permission).

the finale

Once you have all six requirements done, look here for your next steps.

Paperwork, paperwork, paperwork -- Compiling your information, filling out your application, and submitting your material.

Preparing for your Board of Review -- We know that an Eagle Scout is an Eagle Scout, no matter where they earned their rank. However, each Council, District, and/or Scout Unit might have differences in expectations and implementation of BSA national policy. Here is what we use - it should help you prepare!

Planning a world-class Court of Honor -- A complete Eagle Court of Honor book in electronic form! Tips to help you get started and be successful, and lots of resources including ceremony templates, poems, charges, pledges, prayers, complete scripts, and more!

NESA - Our Alumni Association -- Find out more about membership in NESA. Memberships to NESA make great gifts to new Eagle Scouts.

Eagle history

The Eagle Badge -- where did it come from?
The First Eagle Scout -- Arthur Rose Eldred
Historical Eagle Scout requirements gleaned from the pages of old handbooks

Hey, have some input? -- We've collected quite a bit of information here at Eaglescout.org, but we're always looking for more. If you have information about the history of the Eagle rank, ceremony suggestions, or other tips, please send them our way and we'll post them for everyone to share.

Scouter resources

These resources are designed to help Scouters provide a better Eagle Scout Advancement program for their boys. Please feel free to use all the information as if it were your own as long as you respect copyrights, distribute credits for the work along with it, and never sell materials without prior written permission from the author. Preferably customize these material to meet your particular circumstances!

Resources available to download -- Files to help you collected from several sources.

Planning Guide -- A link to a nice document by Joe Sinniger. The guide is also on this site under the heading of "the path", placed with the author's permission.

Eagle Project Service Project Planning Guide -- Link to an excellent work by Randy Smith. The material is also on this site under the heading of "the path/requirement 5", placed with the author's permission.

Parent resources

These resources are designed to help parents and friends help Scouts along the Eagle trail. Do you have suggestions for this area? If so, please e-mail the webmaster at the address at the bottom of this page.

Ideas for motivating Eagle candidates -- Aren't the reasons for completing the Eagle award obvious? Not until you are almost 18 years old, it seems. How can parents and friends motivate Scouts to get the job done? (Please e-mail the webmaster with your suggestions and success stories.)

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want more?

A list of links to other good Scouting resources. Certainly not exhaustive - let me know if there's a great site that should be listed here for the benefit of all. Also, let me know if you find some quality Eagle Scout material somewhere that should be included on this site.

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what's new at Eaglescout.org?

January 2011	• Updated the current issue date of the Eagle award application (#512-728) to 2010, and updated lists of positions of responsibility • Various updates to commendation letter addresses • Updated the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Planning Guide to the current version
April 2009	• Updated the current issue date of the Eagle award application (#512-728) to 2009 • Various updates to commendation letter addresses
September 2008	• The Knights of Pythias offer a certificate and patch to recognize new Eagle Scouts. The form is available here.
January 2008	• Updated the current issue date of the Eagle award application (#58-728) to 2008. • Added some comments clarifying some recent questions about references.
February 2007	• Corrected the spelling of Rockville Centre, the home town of The First Eagle Scout, thanks to the keen eyes of Donna Dotzler, a den leader who lives there.
September 2006	• Added some examples of commendation letters received. • Updated the article on The First Eagle Scout with some new pictures

August 2006	• Removed the forms for submitting commendation letter address corrections and motivational ideas. These were generating unbelievable amounts of robot spam. Please e-mail corrections and ideas to the e-mail address at the bottom of the page.
April 2006	• An all-new section of parent resources: What can parents and other do to motivate Scouts to complete the Eagle Scout award? (Thanks to Susan Reeve for the idea)
March 2006	• Thanks to some new research by Gary Twite, updated the article on The First Eagle Scout • Added a new contributed poem by Wes Fish called "The Eagle Scout" • Added a new complete court of honor script
February 2006	• Added a suggestion to our most frequently asked question: "Should I bring a gift?"
January 2006	• Thanks to many contributors for updates to the commendation letter addresses • Updated links to NESA's new web site and fixed some links that had changed
March 2005	• Thanks to Gary Twite for an outstanding piece of research on The First Eagle Scout • Gary has also contributed additional historical Eagle Scout requirements from "Handbook for Boys" from 1914 through 1940 • A new Eagle court of honor script from Troop 533
February 2005	• Revised some addresses for commendation letters, based on feedback from parents and Scouts - thanks! • Added a new poem "Recipe For An Eagle Scout", contributed by Mike Gallo
October 2004	• Various revisions made to the address list for commendation letters • Added requirements from 1978 and 1999 • Added two new scripts (1, 2) to the court of honor resources • Added a new poem "On Eagle's Wings", contributed by Eve Engelbrite • Added a new poem "The River of Scouting", contributed by Jay Kempinger • Added information answering our most frequently asked question: "Should I bring a gift?" • Added information on the application page explaining the PID number on the 2004 and later versions of the application • Added a statement of policy about contributed copyrighted materials
April 2004	• Added the "What's New" section to the home page • Added contributed poems entitled "My Mother Made Me An Eagle Scout" and "Give Me A Scout..." • Various revisions to the address list for commendation letters • Additional Eagle requirements history from the 1965 Boy Scout Handbook • Added an address addition and correction form for commendation letters

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about us

Who we are...what we do.

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