

## Steps to Becoming an Eagle Scout

This document outlines the steps to becoming an Eagle Scout. This document is a summary of information taken from several different sources. You can perform the first six steps in any order, after you reach the rank of Life Scout.

1. Be active in your Troop for 6 months after becoming a Life Scout.
  - a. The six months does not need to be contiguous.
  - b. If you are not attending Troop meetings and campouts on a regular basis, check with the Scoutmaster for the minimum requirements of “active”.
  - c. Life Scouts frequently have conflicts with other activities. The Scoutmaster can work with you to ensure you meet this requirement while meeting your other obligations.
2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.
  - a. Provide the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf. At minimum, the list must include the following:
    - i. Parents or Guardians
    - ii. Religious institution representative
    - iii. Teacher or other Educator
    - iv. Employer (if any)
    - v. Two others
  - b. Troop 714 provides a simple form that you can forward to the individuals when requesting a reference. Please include a copy of this form when requesting references.
  - c. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
  - d. Completed references should be mailed to the Scoutmaster, not to the Scout’s family.
3. Complete the 12 required and 9 other Merit Badges.
  - a. Check with the Troopmaster Coordinator to get a current copy of your records.
  - b. The required Merit Badges are:
    - i. Camping
    - ii. Citizenship in the Community
    - iii. Citizenship in the Nation
    - iv. Citizenship in the World
    - v. Communications
    - vi. Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
    - vii. Environmental Science
    - viii. First Aid
    - ix. Cycling or Hiking or Swimming
    - x. Personal Management
    - xi. Personal Fitness
    - xii. Family Life
4. Serve in a Leadership position for 6 months after becoming a Life Scout.
  - a. Check with the Scoutmaster for available positions.
  - b. Your leadership position must be one of the following:
    - i. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
    - ii. Chaplain’s Aide
    - iii. Den Chief
    - iv. Instructor
    - v. Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

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- vi. Librarian
  - vii. Patrol Leader
  - viii. Quartermaster
  - ix. Scribe
  - x. Senior Patrol Leader
  - xi. Troop Guide
  - xii. Historian
  - xiii. Venture Crew Chief
  - xiv. Varsity Team Captain
- c. You do not have to serve for six consecutive months, or in the same position for all six months. If you hold two positions concurrently, only one can be counted toward the service requirement.
5. Complete your Eagle Service Project.
- a. You can complete your Eagle Service project any time after becoming a Life Scout, whether or not you've completed the other requirements for Eagle Scout.
  - b. Consult the document "Eagle Project Checklist" for a complete list of tasks for this project.
6. Write a statement of your ambitions and life purpose.
- a. This statement should be about one page in length.
  - b. List the positions you've held in your religious institution, school, camp, community or other organizations during which you demonstrated leadership skills.
  - c. Include any honors and awards you've earned in these positions.
  - d. Explain your future plans and ambitions, as you see them today.
  - e. Submit this statement to the Scoutmaster, at the Scoutmaster Conference.
7. Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference.
- a. The Scoutmaster Conference must be held *before* your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but *after* all other requirements have been completed.
8. Attend your Eagle Board of Review.
- a. Provide the original plus three copies of the completed Eagle Project workbook prior to the Board of Review.
  - b. The Scoutmaster or Eagle Advisor schedules the Board of Review.
  - c. The Board includes at least two representatives from the Troop and one representative from the District or Council.
  - d. Normally the Board of Review should occur before your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. However, if all other requirements are completed prior to your birthday, the Board may be held after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
9. Submit your completed paperwork to the Council for approval.
- a. The Scoutmaster completes all of the required paperwork, including the Eagle Application form.
  - b. It takes from six to eight weeks to receive the completed paperwork from the Council offices.
10. Participate in your Eagle Court of Honor.
- a. You cannot participate in the Court of Honor until your paperwork has been received from the Council offices. Please allow at least eight weeks after your Board of Review to schedule your Court of Honor.
  - b. Troop 714 holds an Eagle Court of Honor periodically. All Scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout are honored at these ceremonies.