



GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL

Life To Eagle

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CONGRATULATIONS!

You are now ready to apply for Scouting's highest rank and join the select few who have reached the top. To avoid unnecessary delays please read this important information and check off the steps as they are completed.

Check List

- _____ 1. READ THE EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT WORKBOOK.
- _____ 2. EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT.
 - Find a project that you want to accomplish.
 - Discuss the service project plans with your Scoutmaster and Troop. Obtain their approval.
 - Obtain approval of your plan from the benefiting organization.
 - Meet with your District Eagle Board of Review for approval of your plan.
 - You must call the Eagle Board Chairman to set up your appointment. Contact information is enclosed.**
 - Begin the work on your Service Project.
 - Keep detailed records of your project and prepare your report of completion.
- _____ 3. SECURE FIVE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

These letters must be from the same references listed on the application under Requirement 2 and remember to give your address so that the letters will be returned to you. Do not open them when received.
- _____ 4. WRITE A STATEMENT OF YOUR AMBITIONS AND LIFE PURPOSE.
- _____ 5. COMPLETE YOUR SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE.
- _____ 6. SUBMIT THE ITEMS BELOW TO THE LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICE FOR REVIEW.
 - Completed and signed Eagle Application**
 - Completed Project Proposal and Report with all signature pages**
 - Letters of Recommendation**
 - Ambition and Life Purpose statement**
 - 21 Merit Badge cards that are listed on the Eagle Application**
- _____ 7. DISTRICT EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW APPROVAL. (Same point of contact as above)
- _____ 8. RETURN APPLICATION TO OUR COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL OFFICE APPROVAL.
- _____ 9. PLAN YOUR COURT OF HONOR AFTER YOUR AWARD IS RECEIVED.



Dear Life Scout:

Congratulations! Through your hard work, skill development, and dedication, you have earned the second-highest rank in Scouting. You now face the challenge that only the best achieve, the rank of Eagle Scout.

To assist you with your Eagle Service project, you will need to download the Eagle Application and the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook from the following website: stlbsa.org/achievement/advancement/eagle-scouts.

Many of your questions regarding the Eagle application and the application process may be answered at a Life to Eagle orientation. There are several conducted throughout the Council each year. The orientation is designed to give you, your parents and your unit leader all the guidance and information required to complete the Eagle application successfully. I highly recommend your attendance at an orientation. Contact your District Eagle Board of Review Chairman for more information. A list is enclosed for your convenience.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council is proud of the achievements of its many Eagle Scouts over the years, and I challenge you to continue that tradition. The Greater St. Louis Area Council is the home of the original Eagle Scout Association, and its members continue to assist Life Scouts on the trail to Eagle.

As you prepare to undertake these final challenges on your Eagle trail, I offer you my best wishes for successful completion of the requirements. When you're approved, the rewards will be many. For me, the best reward is knowing for the rest of your life that you tackled a serious and responsible challenge, and succeeded.

Respectfully yours,

Ronald S. Green
Scout Executive/CEO
Eagle Scout

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Checklist for Eagle Scout Award Applications

Dear Eagle Candidate:

Below is a checklist that the Council uses to review your Eagle application. Please double check your application with this checklist before it is brought to the Council office. This will help ensure a successful review of your application.

Personal:

- _____ Name-List your full legal name. This is how your name will appear on your certificate.

- _____ Reference Letters- Five letters of reference are needed. Once you have received your five reference letters, list them on the front of your application. Reference letters must remain sealed.

Date Review:

- _____ Full month, day and year became a Scout

- _____ Four months between First Class and Star Scout awards

- _____ Six months between Star Scout and Life Scout awards

- _____ Six months between Life Scout and Eagle Scout Board of Review

- _____ Dates of ranks earned

- _____ Completed date of the merit badges, not the start date

Merit Badges:

- _____ Earned four required merit badges prior to Star Board of Review

- _____ Earned an additional three required merit badges prior to Life Board of Review

Leadership Tenure:

- _____ Served six months in a valid position(s) between Life Scout date and current date. Application shows acceptable positions.

Service Project:

____ Completed before 18th birthday and before Eagle Scout Board of Review

____ Completed between Life Scout and Eagle Scout Board of Review dates

Signatures:

____ The signatures must be the persons registered in the position.

____ Unit Leader is the Scoutmaster of a Troop, the Advisor of a Crew or the Skipper of a Ship as registered with the Council

____ Committee Chairman as registered with the Council

You are now ready to have your paperwork turned into the Council for BSA Local Council review.

Present the following items to the Council for Eagle application review:

1. Original Eagle Scout application. Use pen or typed, no pencils please.
2. Service Project *Proposal* with signatures.
3. Service Project *Report* with signatures.
4. Five letters of recommendation sealed and listed on front side of Eagle application.
5. Original merit badges cards, **not** in protector sheet and in order as seen on the application is helpful.
6. Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose.

Note: If merit badge cards are not presented any discrepancies in date earned may delay the application approval.

Uncorrectable Mistake:

Should an "uncorrectable" mistake be made, your unit leader must provide a letter explaining why the mistake was made and what steps will be taken to ensure that it will not happen again. An example of an "uncorrectable mistake" would be that only three Eagle required merit badges were earned by your Star rank date instead of the required four.



Eagle Scout Documents and Information

The Eagle Scout documents are available online as a fillable PDF.

To access the forms go to:

stlbsa.org
Activities/Events tab
Eagle Scouts

or

<https://stlbsa.org/achievement/advancement/eagle-scouts/>

Under Helpful Forms you will find the current version of the Eagle Scout workbook and application along with other information and opportunities.

The most recent documents are dated January 2019.
When starting your document please use the current version.



Dear Sir or Madam:

The Greater St. Louis Area Council Advancement Committee requires each Eagle Scout candidate to solicit five (5) "letters of reference" to submit with their application. You have been selected to provide a letter of reference by Eagle Scout candidate:

You are asked to provide a separate letter (not this form) giving your frank and confidential opinion of the Scout's qualifications in the areas of character, demonstrated leadership, and their ability to live everyday by the Scout Oath and Law. Those are printed on the reverse side of this instruction letter.

Your letter, along with other components of the Scout's application, will be presented to an Eagle Board of Review at some future date. The Eagle Board of Review is made up of adult community volunteers and Scouters. At the successful conclusion of the Board of Review, members are instructed to destroy all letters of reference, no matter how complimentary these may be.

Your letter will be helpful if you comment on such qualifications as these:

- Are they active in the meetings and projects of organizations to which they belong?
- Do they accept and carry out responsibilities?
- Are they a leader?
- Do they help in their home, school, church or synagogue and community?
- How do they care for things that belong to them?
- Do they respect the property of others?
- Are they learning skills that develop self-reliance?
- Do they understand about and take part in the conservation of our natural resources?
- How do they use Scouting knowledge and skills in their everyday life?
- Do they exemplify what you believe to be a good Scout Citizen?

It is quite possible that you will not have information on all of these items, but the knowledge that you do have concerning this Scout will help the Eagle Board of Review in their interview with the scout.

When you have completed your letter of recommendation: (1) Please sign it and place it in an envelope. (2) Write the candidate's name, your name and the date on the front of the envelope. (3) **Seal the envelope and return it to the Scout.** They will present it to the Eagle Board of Review where it will be held in strict confidence and used only in the best interests of this Scout.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Scout Oath

**On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my Country
and to obey the Scout Law,
To help other people at all times,
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.**

Scout Law

A Scout is: Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do A Good Turn Daily