

As of June 2017

The Eagle Scout Process

The **Eagle Scout Rank** is the highest rank attainable in the **Boy Scout** program of the Boy Scouts of America. **Since its introduction in 1911**, the Eagle Scout Rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. The title of "Eagle Scout" is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle".

Requirements include earning a number of **merit badges** and demonstrating **Scout spirit**, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout. Additional recognition can be earned through **Eagle Palms**, awarded for completing additional tenure, leadership, and merit badge requirements.

1. Be **active** in your **troop**, **team**, **crew**, or **ship** for a period of at least six months after you have achieved the rank of **Life Scout**. Make sure in filling out your application the date is post Life Scout.
2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the **Scout Oath** and **Scout Law** in your daily life. List on your Eagle Scout Rank Application the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf, including parents/guardians, religious, educational, and employer references.

References should be sent to William Kocses, EBOR Chair, 1330 29th Street SW, Naples, FL, 34117. Add a self-addressed envelope with EBOR Chair address on it.

3. Earn a total of 21 **merit badges**, including the following required Eagle Merit Badges:
 - a. **First Aid**
 - b. **Citizenship in the Community**
 - c. **Citizenship in the Nation**
 - d. **Citizenship in the World**
 - e. **Communication**
 - f. **Cooking**
 - g. **Personal Fitness**
 - h. **Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving***
 - i. **Environmental Science OR Sustainability***
 - j. **Personal Management**
 - k. **Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling***
 - l. **Camping**, and
 - m. **Family Life**

* You must choose only one merit badge listed in items h, i, and k. If you have earned more than one of the badges listed in items h, i, and/or k, choose one and list the remaining badges to make your total of 21.

* have your troop advancement chair print a current record of your advancements so you can make sure all dates match the information at council, not doing so could slow the processing of your application.

4. While a **Life Scout**, serve **actively** in your unit for a period of six months in one or more of the following **positions of responsibility**. List only those positions served after your **Life board of review date**. Again, please make sure your date of responsibility is after the date of your Life board of review.

Patrol Leader,
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader,
Senior Patrol Leader,
Venture Patrol Leader,
Troop Guide,
Order of the Arrow Troop Representative,
Den Chief,
Scribe,
Librarian,
Historian,
Quartermaster,
Junior Assistant Scoutmaster,
Chaplain Aide,
Instructor,
Webmaster, or
Leave No Trace Trainer.

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 should benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.)

The project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the **EBOR District Chair** before you start. You must use the *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook*. Please read the workbook first, this will clear up many of your questions.

(See more specific information about Eagle Projects page 3)

6. Take part in a **unit leader conference**. Bring 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 and awards received during this service. Write this in a business letter format.

7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout **board of review**. In preparation for your board of review, prepare and attach to your Eagle Scout Rank 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 and awards received during this service.

Submit your Eagle Application (two pages) to EBOR Chair, he will review and sent to council for verification of dates, merit badges and review board dates. Once he gets council verification you will be invited to a Pre-EBOR (for your information and preparation) and the date of your EBOR, Eagle Board of Review. Please confirm you can make both dates.

William Kocses at wmkocses@gmail.com (See completing your Eagle Application page 4)

As of January 2016

The Eagle Project

Think of your Eagle Scout service project as the ultimate "application phase" of what you have learned thus far in: **Scouting: leadership. . . responsibility. . . managing projects. . . applying your Scout Oath --"to help other people."**

An Eagle Scout project is a crowning achievement following years of fun, adventure, and advancement. In completing it, you provide an example for others that they can do the same thing. Some may suggest how big your project should be, or how many hours should be spent on it, but that is entirely up to you. Service, impact, and leadership are the objectives and measurements. Use these as your criteria to consider, select, develop, and evaluate your project. For most, the Eagle Scout service project becomes a truly defining moment in your quest for excellence. Planning and leadership skills utilized and memories of outcomes achieved will last you a lifetime. You will want to share those stories with others, so make it a worthy project!

The Process:

1. Come up with idea for project
 - a. Must benefit community, religious institution, or school
 - b. Get verbal approval of idea from benefactor, Scoutmaster, and Eagle Mentor
2. Eagle Project workbook must be used and read
 - a. Read workbook in full to understand it, will help decrease issues
 - b. Fill out all Contact information, must be clear and readable
 - c. Fill out Proposal portion of workbook
 - d. Include pictures and sketches
 - e. Meet with Troop Eagle Mentor to go over proposal.
 - f. Choose a Project Mentor, often a Patrol advisor or someone knowledgeable of project type
 - g. Get approval from benefactor, and a letter/email of completion we done
 - h. Request Troop committee and your Scoutmaster to approve your proposal
 - i. Submit proposal Alligator Eagle Chair for approval – William Kosces, wmkocses@gmail.com Please don't start project until you have approval
 - j. Copy Scoutmaster, scout leader and or your parents on all correspondence - (2 deep leadership is also required on emails and all media platforms)
3. Once approved by EBOR Chair you can start your Eagle Project
 - a. Present project to troop and get going
 - b. Schedule project accordingly based on assistance, materials, and benefactors schedule
 - c. Execute project
 - d. Take detailed notes and pictures
 - e. Track all hours
 - f. Fill out project workbook
 - g. Get Scoutmaster approval
 - h. Submit to Eagle board chair William Kosces wmkocses@gmail.com
 - i. Complete letter in Requirement 6 and submit to Eagle Board Chair William Kosces.

EAGLE SCOUT APPLICATION PROCESS SPECIFICS

4. Eagle Scout Application:

- a. Request copy of records and an Eagle Assistance worksheet from your Advancement chair
- b. Fill out application: please take care this is very important, mistakes slow the process
- c. Have Scoutmaster and Committee Chair review and sign.
- d. Send application to Alligator EBOR Chair

William Kocses at (wmkocses@gmail.com)

- e. Request letters of recommendations to be sent to: (5-6 of these)
< to be sent to EBOR Chair by mail >
William Kocses
EBOR Chair
1330 29th Street SW
Naples FL 34117
- f. Follow up with Eagle board chair WILLIAM KOSCES about schedule of next (EBOR)
< Eagle Board of Review >
- g. Complete Eagle Board of Review, 4 to 6 weeks after review you can plan your ECOH

5. Eagle Award Ceremony

- a. Schedule & Plan your Eagle award ceremony (Eagle Court of Honor) ECOH
- b. Coordinate with Scoutmaster and Advancement Chair

ENJOY YOU EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

CONGRADULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIVEMENT

SINCERELY ALLIGATOR DISTRICT & SWFL COUNCIL