

TROOP 902 EAGLE RANK ADVANCEMENT GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this document is to give the Eagle Candidate and his family some insight as to the requirements of BSA and the guidelines of Troop 902 regarding the Eagle Rank Advancement.

BSA REQUIREMENTS

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 6 months as a Life Scout.
2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life. List 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.
3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than you already have), including the following:
 - A. First Aid
 - B. Citizenship in the Community
 - C. Citizenship in the Nation
 - D. Citizenship in the World
 - E. Communications
 - 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
 - M. Family Life
4. While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of 6 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility:
 - A. Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
 - B. Senior Patrol Leader
 - C. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
 - D. Scribe
 - E. Quartermaster
 - F. Troop Guide
 - G. Patrol Leader
 - H. Assistant Patrol Leader
 - I. Librarian
 - J. Historian
 - K. Chaplain Aid
 - L. Den Chief
 - M. Order of the Arrow Troop Representative
5. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school, or community. (The project should benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) The project idea must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your Scoutmaster and troop committee and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 18-927, in meeting this requirement.
6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

TROOP 902 EAGLE EXPECTATIONS

Troop 902 has high expectations for those scouts that are striving for the Rank of Eagle. These expectations are not a requirement however; if the scout can live up to these expectations while he is a Life Scout he will truly exemplify the qualities of a Troop 902 Eagle Scout.

- The scout must complete all of the BSA Requirements for the Rank of Eagle.
- The scout should show a desire and drive to reach the Rank of Eagle.
- The scout should continue with his attendance at meetings and his participation at the monthly campouts.
- The scout should continue to fulfill his leadership responsibilities.
- The scout should work closely with the leaders and mentors during this process to insure he is moving in the proper direction.
- The scout must live up to each of the 12 Points of the Scout Law.

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TRANSITION FROM LIFE TO EAGLE

- When the scout reaches the Rank of Life he should set-up a transition meeting with the leaders and his parents to discuss and map out his path to Eagle.
- Timelines should be set for the completion of merit badges, leadership requirements, and preliminary project planning.
- Troop mentors should be identified to assist the scout during this process.
- The scout, the leaders, and the mentors are to meet once or twice per month to assure that the scout remains on schedule. If there are concerns that expectations are not being met, the leaders and mentors should suggest improvements in order to re-direct the scout.
- It is important for the scout to continue his attendance at meetings, participation at campouts, and leadership responsibilities to the troop during this entire process.
- In order to complete the requirements on time, the scout cannot be older than 17 ½ years old when this transition begins.
- The scout should contact several individuals (at least 5) who know him personally and would be willing to provide a letter of recommendation on his behalf. These individuals can be teachers, coaches, employers, religious leaders, friends, family, and neighbors. Have them place their letters in a sealed envelope and hold them until the Workbook and Application are completed. These letters of recommendation will be read by the members of your Eagle Board of Review.

EAGLE PROJECT PREPARATION

- The scout, his parents, the leaders, and mentors will meet to discuss the Eagle Project. A project will be chosen that will best meet the needs of the community.
- The scout must meet with his sponsor in order to develop the project details. Things like what is needed, the supplies, the funding, and the location of the project should be discussed. Photographs should be taken in order to help with the planning.
- There shall be no set amount of hours that must be performed. The controlling factor in a project is whether the project showed leadership on part of the Scout and involved community service.
- The scout will plan, develop, and give leadership during all phases of the project.
- The project must be completed using the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook. The scout can use a hardcopy or the electronic copy of the workbook.
- The scout will prepare a rough draft of the project and submit it to the leaders and mentors for review. The draft should include the project description, the organization that will benefit from the project, the name, address, and phone number of the sponsor of the project, and the project details.
- The leaders and mentors will review the draft and make suggestions and corrections as necessary.
- The scout will make the necessary corrections and re-submit the draft to the leaders and mentors for approval to process.

EAGLE PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

- Once the draft is approved, the scout will complete the appropriate sections of the Workbook.
 - Cover page with names, addresses, and phone numbers of all involved.
 - Project description
 - Who will benefit
 - Project details
 - Before photographs
- Prior to signatures, the scout must review with leaders and mentors. If approved, the Review Date must be placed in proper location in the Workbook.
- The scout will obtain the following signatures for project approval.
 - Sponsor signature
 - Church representative
 - Leader or mentor
 - Unit Committee Member

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COUNCIL APPROVAL

- When all of the above requirements are complete, the Workbook and two copies are to be turned in to Council.
- The scout should make an additional copy or an electronic copy of the signed Workbook for his records and the troop's records.
- The Unit Leader will be notified by council when and if the project is approved by Council.
- After Council's approval, the scout may begin the project. No project is to begin until approved by Council.

EAGLE PROJECT COMPLETION

- Once the project is completed the scout must fill in the pertinent parts of the Workbook and submit it to the leaders and mentors for review.
- The leaders and mentors will review the Workbook. If it meets their approval, they will sign-off and schedule a conference with the scout.
- When the Workbook and project is complete the scout will make two copies of the Workbook to be used by the Council Eagle Board of Review.
- The unit leader will forward the original Workbook, the two copies, the Eagle Application, and letters of recommendation to the District Advancement Chairperson for review and approval/disapproval.
- The project, Workbook, and Eagle Application shall be completed before the Scout's 18th birthday.

EAGLE APPLICATION

- The Eagle Application must be filled out by the scout and reviewed by the leader and mentors.
- The leaders will provide the scout with all of the pertinent information such as dates, ranks, leadership positions, merit badges, etc.
- When the Application is completed, the scout must obtain the proper signatures.
- The unit leader will deliver the Eagle Application to the District Advancement Chairperson along with the Project Workbook.
- The District Advancement Chairperson shall have the application verified by Council for correctness of information contained-ranks, merit badges etc.
- Once verified the District Advancement Chairperson will contact the unit leader and schedule the Eagle Board of Review. This usually takes anywhere from three to six weeks for the council review and scheduling.
- See the document "Eagle Rank Procedure of the Delmarva Council of the Boy Scouts of America" for further explanation of the process after turning in the Eagle Workbook and Application.