Steps to Reaching the Eagle Scout Rank

Note from Mr. Parekh: At any time, if there are any questions please by all means discuss with me. I am here to help guide you thru the final steps to Eagle.

After earning the Life Scout rank, it is advisable to develop and plan an Eagle Scout project. You do not have to wait until you have earned all the required merit badges.

* Go to the Eagle Resources page on the [BSA Troop 86 website](https://ericssonnam-my.sharepoint.com/personal/amit_parekh_ericsson_com/Documents/Downloads/BSA%20Troop%2086%20website): https://www.bsatroop86.org/eagleResources.html. when the page comes up go to right side – click **the link for** [Downloadable Electronic Eagle Service Project Workbook](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/EagleWorkbookProcedures.aspx). Then scroll to the link in the Eagle Scout Project Proposal for the Eagle Scout project workbook 512-927. This is a fillable PDF with a revised date of JANUARY 2019. This is the ONLY acceptable EAGLE PROJECT Workbook. Save this PDF to a location on your computer.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED **BEFORE** YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY

1: Be active in the troop for at least six months after earning the Life rank. BSA policy allows a unit to establish reasonable expectations that refer to a level of activity, then the scout is considered active and the requirement is met. (BSA Guide to Advancement 201: section 4.2.3.1)

Troop 86 expectation to be “Active” is: attendance at 50% of the troop meetings and 50% of troop events – camping, service projects, day trips, etc.

2: Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the scout Oath and Law in your daily life. Normally discussed at your Scoutmaster conference.

3: Earn a total of 21 merit badges including 13 from the required Eagle list.

4: While a Life scout, serve in a troop leadership position for a period of six months.

5: While a Life Scout, **plan**, **develop**, and give **leadership** to others in a service project helpful to religious institution, any school or your community. Note: project not to be done for Scouts. Obtain Eagle Project workbook. The workbook should be typed using the: [New Expandable Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/EagleWorkbookProcedures.aspx).  This workbook was revised **JANUARY 2019** and **MUST** be the one used. There are some older versions out there – make sure you have the proper workbook.

The workbook has four sections:

* Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal
* Eagle Scout Service Project Plan
* Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application (if required; see below)
* Eagle Scout Service Project Report

Please note that it is important to track the hours spent for the Eagle Project. You are **not** required to have a minimum number of hours in your service project.  However, you must demonstrate your leadership abilities to your Eagle Scout Board of Review.  They look at the hours in the workbook carefully. Considerable volunteer hours are powerful evidence of leadership.  A well-kept log is a good way to demonstrate your leadership! The Eagle Resources Page on the Troop 86 website has a sample log file showing how you may track the hours and details of the project. Make sure to track the time spent by you, your family, your troop adults and scouts, and other volunteers, for everything related to the project.

**Proposal** section MUST be completed and the 5 required signatures obtained before **ANY** work on the project can start including fundraising. Signatures are: Scout; Unit leader approval; Unit Committee approval; Beneficiary approval. ***Council or District approval signature is given after the above 4 signatures are received (Proposal page E).***

**Fundraising form**: If your project will be close to or over $1000.00 in cost, then you **MUST** get the fundraising page signed. Requires 3 signatures from the Beneficiary; Unit Leader; and Council or District Approval. Get Council/District signature when getting your Proposal reviewed and signed.

**No work on project or fundraising can start without the Proposal and Fundraising forms have all required signatures.**

When all work on the project is completed, there are with 3 required signatures on Project report page C indicating completion. **The project book must be totally typed and completed before your 18th birthday.**

6: Take part in a unit leader (Scoutmaster) conference.

**Letters of Recommendation:** Start to requestwhile completing the above requirements. BSA policy states that the Eagle candidate is only responsible to request the letters. The letters can be mailed to a member designated by the troop. However; many troops find it easier for the scout to collect the letters. These letters must be in **SEALED** envelopes and are only to be opened at your Eagle BOR. You do not need to have the letters before your 18th birthday. The Council/District representative will take and destroy the letters at the completion of your Eagle Board.

Request letters of recommendation from the following: Parent or Guardian; Religious leader\*; educational/teacher; Employer (if any); and 2 additional adults. That’s **5** letters, 6 if employed. \*If you do not follow a specific religious affiliation, a letter from one of your parents regarding religious issue will serve to fulfill this letter. Sample templates are found on the link: MCBSA Eagle Scout Resources. Letters should be returned to the troop committee chairperson or other designated troop member.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENT CAN BE COMPLETED **AFTER** YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY. (If needed).

Under: Certification by Applicant

*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.*

Above wording from the Eagle Scout Rank Application.

Hint:

Eagle ambition statement should focus on leadership positions you held as describe in the wording of the requirement. The Ambition Statement must state what your plans are for the future in your personal life and Scouting. Include future plans involving higher education, vocational training, military, etc.

Length should be approximately 3/4 page or more in length. Pay attention to proper composition, grammar, spelling, etc. Eagle candidate should sign his Ambition Statement.

7: Successfully complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review.

Board can be held up to 3 months after your 18th birthday without any special permission. After that special permission must be obtained.

**Troop 86 procedures to help the Eagle candidate.**

After completion of requirements 1 thru 6

The “Eagle Rank Application” that is on-line is to be filled out in PDF form. This form is found in the Eagle Resources page on the as described earlier. Scroll to [Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 512-728](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_wb_fillable.pdf)

 In troop 86, Mrs. B will help you fill out the Eagle application using your Scout advancement records recorded thru BSA advancement. This will help fill out the form with the proper dates for the 21 merit badges required for Eagle along with other pertinent required information. We will need the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those persons from whom you received letters of recommendation. These will be entered on the form.

When completed, the form will then be sent as PDF to Angela Emer at Council for her verification and signature. Mrs. B will submit the Eagle Rank Application to Council. After it is verified at Council it be returned to the Scout or person who submitted the PDF. Mrs. B in Troop 86’s case.

If you have enough merit badges to qualify for Eagle palms at the time of your Eagle BOR, we will also fill out a Palm application. This does not go to Council until the completion of your Eagle board.

**Your Eagle BOR will be setup after:** The Rank Application is verified, returned, and signatures of the Eagle candidate, Unit Leader and Unit Committee Chair are obtained. Angela Emer’s signature will be already on the verified application.

The letters of recommendation are received.

BORs are composed of a minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 members. Troop Scoutmasters and ASM are not allowed to sit on boards also no parents or guardians of the Eagle candidate.  Persons sitting on a BOR do not have to be registered in BSA , but should be familiar with Scouting and it's ideals.

The date of your Eagle BOR is dependent on the availability of the Council or District Representative to conduct the Board.

Mr. Parekh will request the District Representative offering several dates. Mr. Parekh will usually have already arranged to have troop members available.

**Needed at your Eagle BOR:**

Verified Eagle Application

Original Eagle Project Workbook with all required signatures

Original “Ambition Statement”, should be signed by scout.

*Note: In order to facilitate the Board it is advisable to have 2 or 3 copies of the Workbook and Ambition statement available* *for review by Board members while the District/Council rep goes over the Originals. NOT required*

The letters of recommendation.

*Note:* Mr. Parekh may have the above, if you have met with him prior to assure all required paperwork is in order.

Your Scout handbook especially if you want it signed by the Board.

**On the date of your Eagle BOR**

You are to be in FULL uniform with merit badge sash. **NO** OA sash.

Have any paperwork that is in your possession.

**BE ON TIME.**

***GOOD LUCK with your Eagle BOR***

Once you pass your Eagle Board, Mrs. B will take the following to Council.

Completed Verified Eagle Rank Application Original Eagle Project Workbook Original Ambition Statement Plus an additional form – 34403 that is signed by troop members of the Board, not the District/Council representative. Mrs. B. has this form. If applicable any Palm applications

Again, at any time, I am here to help guide you and give you advice and support.

Yours in Scouting

Mr. Parekh.

Troop 86 – Eagle Chairperson

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