

# Scouting America™

## Three Harbors Council

Dear Life Scout:

Congratulations on achieving the rank of Life. Your determination and energy that is necessary to obtain this rank is applauded. We challenge you to reach the next rank, that of Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout marks you as a person of excellence centered around the values of Scouting. Once attained, no one can ever take it away from you, and it is highly revered by the community. The Eagle Award is recognized by college scholarship review boards, employers, the U.S. military and civic organizations just to name a few.

The Eagle Scout is a great achievement with lifelong expectations that you will live by the Scout Oath and Law, so don't take this honor lightly. If you feel you can meet these expectations, we encourage you to become one of Scouting's best. We have put together a tool box of all the information you will need to assist you on the path to Eagle.

While many may feel you are a worthy candidate for the Eagle Scout Award, the ultimate responsibility and decision will be in YOUR hands. All the necessary merit badges and your Eagle project MUST be completed prior to your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday\*. We strongly suggest that you plan to complete your work several months before you turn 18 to allow ample opportunity to work through any complications that might arise.

To assist you on your path to Eagle Scout, you can find the Eagle Process tool box on the Three Harbors Council web site, <http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/boy-scouts/boy-scout-advancement/46872>. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact your unit leader, unit advancement chair, Eagle Scout Coach or district advancement chair.

Good luck on your future endeavors as you work on the trail to Eagle Scout! We are here to support you on your journey and are honored to see you become a Three Harbors Council Eagle Scout!

Sincerely,

Three Harbors Council Advancement Committee

\*Temporary extension rule: "Youth 16 years of age or older, but not yet 18, on February 1, 2019 who register as members of Scouts BSA on or before December 31, 2019, may request extensions to complete the Eagle Scout Award requirements after they turn 18 years of age. Requests for extensions must be received no later than thirty (30) days after turning 18 years of age. Extensions must be in writing by submitting the designated form to the National Service Center and the form must be received no later than January 7, 2020. Only the National Council may grant extensions. The actual extension will be based upon the individual's registration date and age at the time of the request and will provide not more than twenty-four months from the date of initial registration to complete all requirements."

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### ***Eagle Scout Projects***

The requirements for an Eagle Scout Service Project are: *“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 must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project workbook (No. 512-927) in meeting this requirement. – Eagle Scout requirement 5.”* See section 9 of the Guide to Advancement (GTA) for additional information.

Scouts with special needs should refer to the “Advancement for Members With Special Needs”, section 10 of the Guide to Advancement.

Some things to think about are:

- Would you like your project to benefit children in some way? Is there a school, day care facility or shelter that might have a need you could fill?
- Do you belong or have an association with any non-profit clubs or organizations? Nature center, historical group or support programs in your School, Church or community.
- Do you or someone in your family, have a chronic illness? Would you like to give something back to an organization that has helped your family in the past? Could you help educate people or provide assistance to the organization in some way?
- Is there a park, school or church where you could assist with a project? Do you know of a particular place that’s been neglected? How could you make it better?
- Do you know of someone in a nursing home? Have you done volunteer work at a nursing home or other care facility? Could you plan a project to benefit the residents?

Some questions to consider:

Is there something you are passionate about?

**Who** could benefit from your Eagle Project?

**What** do you enjoy doing?

**What** would you like your project to involve?

**Where** could you do your project?

**Why** should you choose this project idea?

**How** can you make it happen?

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

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### Eagle Scout Check List

- \_\_\_ Read the entire Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. (512-927).
- \_\_\_ Confirm that your official advancement record at Council, including your merit badges, matches your records.
- \_\_\_ Read through and understand the BSA Publication "Age Guidelines for Tool Use and Work at Elevations or Excavations" (680-028).
- \_\_\_ Develop a proposal for Service Project. Start tracking your time! Great idea is to start an Eagle Project notebook to keep track of all the work you do towards Eagle Scout.
- \_\_\_ Complete the Proposal Section in the Project Workbook (pages B – E) including the approvals of the , \_\_\_ Unit Leader, \_\_\_ Unit Committee, \_\_\_ Benefactor, \_\_\_ Council or District Representative.  
**Note:** sometimes this can take some extra time as the groups may only meet occasionally, i.e. monthly or quarterly.
- \_\_\_ If you are doing fundraising for your project, complete the Fundraising section of the workbook and have proper approvals before raising any funds for your project.
- \_\_\_ Work with your Eagle Coach and Unit leader to develop a detailed plan that will meet the BSA and unit activity requirements. Remember that an Eagle Project is a unit activity and your unit leaders must be aware of your plans, including measures to insure safety of all aspects of the project (power tools, chemicals, weather, etc.).
- \_\_\_ **Complete the Service Project** (be aware of timing that works best with the Benefactor and your unit).
- \_\_\_ Complete the Project Report pages A-C in the Eagle Scout Workbook. Include signatures and dates of Beneficiary and Unit Leader.
- \_\_\_ Complete the Eagle Scout Rank Application (512-728). Fill in your name exactly as you want it to appear on your certificate.
- \_\_\_ Obtain reference letters from your District Advancement Chair and distribute those letters to the individuals listed in Requirement 2 of the Eagle Scout Rank Application.
- \_\_\_ As described after Requirement 6 of the Eagle Scout Rank Application, *"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."*
- \_\_\_ Hold Unit Leader Conference. Unit Leader and Eagle candidate sign and date approval on application.

**\*\*\*\*\* All the above must be completed prior to your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday! \*\*\*\*\***

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- \_\_\_ Obtain Unit Committee Chairperson's signature and date on the Eagle Scout Rank Application.
- \_\_\_ Unit Leader or designee brings application and workbook to either of the Three Harbors Council Service Centers.
- \_\_\_ Three Harbors Council will verify accuracy of Eagle Scout Rank Application and advancement information.
- \_\_\_ Reference letters should be received by the District Advancement Chairman or designee (may take several weeks for references to return letters via traditional mail).
- \_\_\_ Application and workbook are returned to District Advancement chairs for Board of Review.
- \_\_\_ Board of Review is held. At the successful completion of the Board of Review, the required signatures should be secured on the Eagle Scout Rank Application and the Advancement Report (34403) form. Both forms should be submitted to one of the Council Service Centers.
- \_\_\_ Council Executive will sign and Council Service Center will submit the application to the National Office for FINAL APPROVAL. **Wait for final approval before you plan your court of honor.**
- \_\_\_ Three Harbors Council will notify Unit Leader that National has approved your Eagle. Now you can begin planning your Eagle court of honor ceremony (may take up to four weeks to be returned).
- \_\_\_ You may now begin planning your Eagle court of honor ceremony.