



Eagle Rank Requirements

These requirements became effective on January 1, 2008.

The wording of requirement 5 below has been adjusted based on the current version of the Eagle Scout Rank Application (512-728). Those changes do not appear in *Boy Scout Requirements* (33216)

To see the requirements with the changes highlighted, [Click here](#).

To see the previous requirements, [Click here](#).

To see the additional wording for these requirements, which appears on the Eagle Scout Rank Application (#512-728), but not in *Boy Scout Requirements* (#33216), and which either clarifies or amplifies the requirements from the book, [Click here](#).

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. **Personal Fitness**
 - g. **Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving**
 - h. **Environmental Science**

- i. **Personal Management**
 - j. **Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling**
 - k. **Camping**, and
 - l. **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:

Boy Scout troop.

- Patrol leader,
- Venture patrol leader
- assistant senior patrol leader,
- senior patrol leader,
- troop guide,
- Order of the Arrow troop representative,
- den chief,
- scribe,
- librarian,
- historian,
- quartermaster,
- junior assistant Scoutmaster,
- chaplain aide,
- instructor.

Varsity Scout team.

- Captain,
- cocaptain,
- program manager,
- squad leader,
- team secretary,
- Order of the Arrow team representative
- librarian,
- historian
- quartermaster,
- chaplain aide,
- instructor,
- den chief.

Venturing crew / Sea Scout ship.

- President,
- vice president,
- secretary,
- treasurer,
- den chief
- quartermaster
- historian
- guide
- boatswain,
- boatswain's mate,
- yeoman,
- purser,
- storekeeper

Lone Scout

- Leadership responsibility in his school, religious organization, club, or elsewhere in his community

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. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.
6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

*** You must choose only one merit badge listed in items (g) and (j). If you have earned more than one of the badges listed in items (g) and (j), choose one and list the remaining badges to make your total of 21.**

Note: All requirements must be completed before a candidate's 18th birthday, however the Eagle Scout board of review can be held after the candidate's 18th birthday. For more information, see Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures, publication No. 33088.

If you have a permanent physical or mental disability, you may become an Eagle Scout by qualifying for as many required merit badges as you can and qualifying for alternative merit badges for the rest. If you seek to become an Eagle Scout under this procedure, you must submit a **special application** to your local council service center. Your application must be approved by your council advancement committee **before you can work on alternative merit badges.**

The Alternate requirements are also listed in more detail under **Eagle Scout Rank - Alternate Requirements** in the current *Boy Scout Requirements* book. (No. 33216).

*The Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (#512-927)
and the Eagle Scout Application (#512-728) are available from BSA in PDF format.
The forms can be filled in on-line and saved locally.
These can be used by Scouts in lieu of the printed forms.
[Click here for the application.](#)
[Click here for the workbook.](#)*

*The 2009 edition of the application form **MUST** be used by all Scouts after August 1, 2009. It can be obtained at your local Scout Service Center or by printing the PDF from the NESAs web site.*

Mike Walton has created a PowerPoint Presentation that contains a set of worksheets that you can use to gather all of the information you will need to fill out your Application for Eagle Scout Rank Award. To download it, **[Click Here.](#)**