



Star Rank Requirements

These requirements were revised effective on January 1, 2000.

The list of positions in requirement 5 was revised in 2008.

To see the changes which were made in 2000, [Click here](#).

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 4 months as a First Class Scout.
2. Demonstrate scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Earn 6 merit badges, including 4 from **the required list for Eagle**.^{*}
 - _____ (required for Eagle)*
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4. While a First Class Scout, take part in **service projects** totaling at least 6 hours of work. These projects must be approved by your Scoutmaster.
5. While a First Class Scout, serve actively 4 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility (or carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop):

Boy Scout troop.	Varsity Scout team.	Venturing crew / Sea Scout ship.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrol leader, • assistant senior patrol leader, • senior patrol leader, • troop guide, • Order of the Arrow troop representative, • den chief, • scribe, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain, • cocaptain, • program manager, • squad leader, • team secretary, • Order of the Arrow team representative, • librarian, • historian, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, • vice president, • secretary, • treasurer, • boatswain, • boatswain's mate, • yeoman, • purser, or

- librarian,
- historian,
- quartermaster,
- bugler,
- junior assistant Scoutmaster,
- chaplain aide, or
- instructor.

- quartermaster,
- chaplain aide,
- instructor, or
- den chief.

- storekeeper
- **quartermaster***
- **guide***
- **historian***
- **den chief***

***The last four positions are not listed as an eligible positions for Venturers in the 2008 edition of Boy Scout Requirements due to an editorial error. We have confirmed with the staff of the BSA National Director of Boy Scout Advancement that these positions are acceptable for advancement to Star and Life.**

6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference
7. Complete your board of review.

* A Scout may choose any of the 15 required merit badges in the 12 categories to fulfill requirement 3. **[Click here for a complete list of required badges for Eagle.](#)**

NOTE: The footnote to Requirement 3 means that, for example, a Scout can use both Lifesaving AND Emergency Preparedness and/or Swimming, Hiking, AND Cycling toward the requirement of 4 from the required list for Eagle when working toward Star Scout.) Also note that the asterisks are specifically placed on the lines marked "(required for Eagle)" signifying that the note applies to these badges.

Please note that Requirement 7 - (Complete your Board of Review) MAY be done AFTER the Scout' has reached age 18. All other requirements must be completed BEFORE the Scout's 18th Birthday.

VENTURERS and SEA SCOUTS

The requirements above are those for boys enrolled in the Boy Scout Division as members of Boy Scout Troops (including Venture Patrols within Troops) or Varsity Scout Teams. The following requirements apply to boys registered in the Venturing Program (which replaced much of the Exploring program in August, 1998) including Sea Scouts.

- Any male Venturer who has achieved the First Class rank as a Boy Scout in a troop or Varsity Scout in a team may continue advancement toward Star, Life and Eagle Scout ranks up to his

18th birthday.

- He must meet the requirements as prescribed in the official Boy Scout Handbook and the current Boy Scout Requirements book.
- The Venturer may fulfill leadership requirements by serving as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer of his crew, or as boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser, or storekeeper for his ship.
- The Scoutmaster conference will be conducted by the Advisor or Skipper.
- A board of review will be conducted by the crew or ship committee.