



Eagle Scout Application Process Yocona-Pushmataha Council November 2022

So, the Scout has progressed through their advancement and have now reached the rank of Life Scout – congratulations! Their final advancement will take them through the Eagle Scout advancement process which not only builds upon what they have learned, but adds some levels of leadership, project management and the ability to follow instructions.

There are advancement steps that are different for Eagle Scout, and with the creation of our new council this is a good time to provide some information about the process, so the Scout doesn't miss out on this capstone achievement.

When does the Scout start working on Eagle Scout?

Take note that many of the Eagle Scout requirements specify "As a Life Scout" or "While a Life Scout"; this means they cannot start on their project or other requirements until they are a Life Scout.

Paperwork, paperwork!

First step after achieving the rank of Life Scout: be sure you are using the **current** [Eagle Scout Rank Application \(valid through June 30, 2022\)](#) or [Eagle Scout Rank Application \(new starting July 1, 2022\)](#) and [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook](#). Using an old or out-of-date application will put your Scout behind. The BSA's [Guide to Advancement \(GTA\)](#) also has important information about the Eagle Scout Rank process (see Section 9.0.0.0 pages 62-75) and the Eagle Board of Review (see section 8.0.3.0 pages 55-58) and is the definitive guide to the Scouting rank advancement for all programs.

All paperwork / PDF's must be completed by the Scout. If a Scout needs help they can ask for assistance from a parent, Eagle Coach or unit leader, but it is up to them to take the responsibility for completing the application, Eagle Workbook, secure references, develop a statement of ambitions and life purpose and all steps of the Eagle Project.





Eagle Scout Service Project

Follow the [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook](#). It includes four project forms: a proposal, a plan, a fundraising application, and a report. Before preparing any of the four forms, the Scout needs to read with their parent or guardian the "Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians" found on page 5 of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.

The [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook](#) is a tremendous tool that helps the Scout through the process. It is important the Scout develops a meaningful project that requires them to demonstrate leadership, responsibility and project management skills. A project that does not meet the service or guidelines of an appropriate Eagle Scout Service Project may not be approved.

The District Advancement Committee (which is part of the District Program Committee) designates the Eagle Project Approval Chairman. Our council has four districts; each approves the projects from their district.

Filling out the Eagle Scout Rank Application

As the Scout enters information on to their application and completes their approved Eagle Scout Service Project and Requirements 1-6 they reach a point where they need to obtain signatures in order before they can progress.

Obtain REQUIRED SIGNATURES in order

1. **Certification by Applicant.** The Eagle Scout Candidate reads and confirms the information they have put on the application.
2. **Unit Approval.** The Unit Leader (Troop Scoutmaster, Venturing Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Ship Skipper) and Unit Committee Chair signatures represent the unit's approval for the candidate to move on towards a board of review. (The district will schedule the board or review, not the unit.) In providing their signatures, the signers carefully check the application. It may be helpful to compare the application to the Scout's current advancement profile obtained through the BSA system.
3. **BSA Local Council Verification.** Before an Eagle Board of Review can be conducted, the applicant submit their application with their signature and their unit approval's signatures BEFORE A BOARD OF REVIEW CAN BE





SCHEDULED. At the council everything is checked against BSA records. If information in the BSA system or council files is incomplete, the Scout or the unit will be asked to provide certificates, blue cards, or other suitable proof that merit badges and ranks were earned and that dates are accurate. If everything is correct, the council provides a verification signature, files a copy of the application, and sends the original with the service project workbook and other items (such as reference letters received) to the board of review chair or other designated volunteer. The Eagle Board of Review will be scheduled after the council-verified application is received. ([GTA 9.0.1.6](#))

These “REQUIRED SIGNATURES” are completed before the Eagle Board of Review is scheduled. ([GTA 8.0.3.0 #4](#))

The Eagle Scout Board of Review

Once the council has verified the Eagle Scout Rank application it will be forwarded with the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to the District Advancement or District Eagle Board Chair who will check the Eagle candidate's references and then schedule the Eagle Board of Review. (See [GTA 8.0.3.0](#) for Eagle Board of Review particulars)

If a board of review approves a candidate, the signed application, reference letters and any information that might be considered confidential are returned to the local council office. Upon receipt of the application and packet the council Scout Executive will review the application to confirm the process has been completed correctly. The council then sends the application to the National Advancement Program Team which will also verify the application and will issue Eagle credentials, returning them to the council office.

If Eagle Board of Review approval is denied, all materials are returned to the council.

Do not schedule the Eagle Court of Honor until AFTER the council has received the credentials from the National Headquarter of the Boy Scouts of America.

Resources

- [Eagle Scout Rank Application](#) Form 512-728 (All requirements completed before June 30, 2022)
- [Eagle Scout Rank Application](#) Form 512-728 (22b) Citizenship in Society MB (new application as of July 1, 2022)
- [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook](#)
- [Guide to Advancement \(GTA\)](#) Item 33088
- Council or District Advancement Chair (contact council office, 662-842-2871, yocona@scouting.org)
- Yocona-Pushmataha Council #748, 505 Air Park Road, Tupelo, MS 38801

