



# Frontier District Advancement Committee

## EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION Q&A

The Eagle Scout Rank Application is an exacting document that must be completed accurately and neatly or the award will not be granted. Following are questions frequently asked:

**What if I make a mistake on the application?** The Eagle Scout Rank Application (latest revision) must be used. You can download this from the Internet or ask your unit leader for a copy. Any mistakes must be corrected as neatly as possible. You may type or write the information in blue or black ink. Be neat. There are websites available to fill this form online. All signatures must be original. Please print this document double sided.

**Is my social security number required?** Yes. This is used to identify you in the files at BSA national headquarters. Yes this and all information is confidential.

**How accurate do my advancement dates have to be?** They must be exact. Normally, these will be the dates of your unit boards of review. These dates are used to calculate not only tenure in rank, but leadership and merit badge requirements.

**Must I be active in my unit 6 months before working on the Eagle Rank?** You must be active 6 months while a Life Scout before receiving the Eagle Scout award. You may start work on the rank anytime after becoming a Life Scout. If you've been a Life Scout longer than 6 months, your unit may require that your activity be recent, which is their prerogative under the requirement of showing scout spirit.

**How many references are needed?** The application asks for the name, address, and telephone number of six adults. Please use the appropriate form requesting a letter of recommendation. The only optional letter is from your employer in case you don't have one. You may ask another adult for the recommendation but it is not necessary.

**What if I don't have a religious leader who knows me?** If you are not active in a religious organization, you must write a statement of your religious beliefs and submit it with your application. Or you may ask your parents to write a statement of how you have shown reverence in your daily life.

**How do I list my merit badges on the application?** This is one of the most important parts of the application. You must list each badge, showing the exact date it was earned (signed by the counselor). If you are missing any dates, check your unit records. In addition, when your application is reviewed, each rank advancement will be checked against the dates the merit badges were earned. Required badges for Star and Life must have been earned prior to achieving those ranks. If you do not have a blue card for a merit badge please contact your District Advancement Chairman for options.

Also, enter the complete number of the unit you were in when you earned each badge. **Do not use ditto marks.** If the entries are incorrect, your application will be returned. This occurs often. Don't let it happen to you.

**How recent does my leadership have to be?** At any time since becoming a Life Scout, you must serve in a leadership position for at least 6 (six) months. Time served



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prior to Life cannot be used. The leadership position must be one from the Requirement 4 on the Eagle Scout Rank Application.

***Do I attach a copy of my Eagle Project to the application?*** Do not attach it but include it with the binder. Your binder should include:

- Completed Eagle Scout Rank Application.
- Advancement Report.
- Requirement 6 a statement of your ambition and life purpose with a listing of positions held in various groups. List any honors and awards with dates.
- Completed Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook.
- Completed Eagle Scout Project Report

***Can I use a separate piece of paper for the statement on my ambitions?*** Yes. This part of the application is for you to express in your own words what your goals and purpose for life are, and what you intend to do to reach them. Include what you have done in and outside of scouting, in your church, and your community. Show all leadership positions, honors, and awards along with the dates.

***Who signs for the unit?*** Your unit leader and unit committee chairperson must sign (not the advancement chairperson). Their names will be checked against the CURRENTLY REGISTERED names for those positions as of the date they signed the application.

Your Scoutmaster's signature indicates that you have completed all of the requirements and are ready for review by the unit committee. Your unit committee chairperson signs only after the unit committee agrees that you have completed all of the requirements and are ready for an Eagle Scout Board of Review.

***What happens after my Unit approves my application?*** When your unit has approved your application contract your District Advancement Chairperson for an appointment to review the package. This person will make sure everything is complete before sending the application to the Council office.

Upon satisfactory council review, the district will schedule an Eagle Scout Board of Review and notify you of the time and place. The Board of Review will be scheduled after council certification is complete, which normally takes approximately one (1) week. Any errors or commissions will delay this process. Be sure to complete all information correctly and neatly.

***Is the Eagle Scout Board of Review the final step?*** The Board cannot award the Eagle Scout rank. It will recommend that the National office issue the award. This process may take several weeks, depending on the mail and workload at BSA Headquarters. You will be notified when your completed certificate has been received at the Council office from the National office. Your Court of Honor cannot be held until the certificate has been received from the National office.



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At this point, congratulations are in order. You have joined the very elite few who have achieved the Eagle Scout Rank award. Wear it well.