

## Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose

A requirement for Eagle Scout candidate is an essay about their personal Life Goals. It is submitted along with the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook and Eagle Scout Rank Application. The essay should be written in paragraph form and include both short-term and long-term goals. Most scouts find their completed essay to be about two double-spaced pages long. This overview serves to help the Eagle Committee members who reads it to get a sense of who the scout is as an individual to prepare for their role in the Eagle Board of Review. In writing this document the goal is to present oneself as the thoughtful and sincere individual they are. It is best to include only those topics that can be supported in a conversation. Scouts should do their best to make it a flowing narrative of their life, and not a choppy checklist of items.

*The following rubric format has worked well for most scouts:*

1. An introductory paragraph describing some of the experiences you've had in Scouting, and what you have learned from those experiences. Words on what you have learned about yourself as a leader and a young adult are usually well received in this paragraph.
2. A paragraph on your short-term goals in High School (if you are a senior, you may skip this paragraph).
  - Academics (How do your courses line up with the careers you are considering? Are you taking any specific classes to help you prepare for a career or to earn AP credit.)
  - Activities at school.
  - Activities outside school.
3. A paragraph on your plans after graduation.
  - Do you plan to enter the work force directly after graduation, enlist in the military or continue your education? Why did you pick this?

- If you plan to further your education, what type of school are you planning to attend? Do you envision yourself attending a Tech School, Community College, 4-Year College, urban, rural, large, small, specific focus and why this is your preference.
  - Extracurricular activities you plan to pursue in school.
  - If you already plan to go on for an advanced degree (for example, becoming a medical doctor, vet, lawyer...) include that too.
4. A paragraph on your longer-term goals, after you complete your schooling.
    - Career choices.
    - Activities.
  5. A final paragraph on family, long-term involvement in scouting, community involvement, religion. It can be helpful to think of the life you plan to have at 30 or 40; how do you see yourself living the life planned for while incorporating the lessons taken from scouting. This is also the place to include any goal that you might nurture that sets you apart from others. If you always wanted to write a book, climb Mt. Rainier, go on an African safari, visit Antarctica, learn to fly a plane, etc. this is the place to include it.
  6. Use spell check & grammar check.
  7. Make sure two people review it before you submit it.