

Founders District, GNYC

Pathway to earning Eagle Scout

As of January 2023



Disclaimer

These are very basic guidelines to help smooth out the process for Unit Leaders, parents & Scouts. BSA requirements can be found verbatim in the most current *"BSA Guide to Advancement"*.

General Advice

- Scout should protect their handbook & have all requirements properly signed & dated
- Scouts should have original copies of all earned merit badges & any other awards
- Leader needs to make sure all info is properly documented in Scoutbook
- Remember, some requirements are counted in "days" & some are counted in "months".
- Anywork on the Eagle Scout Project done before passing the BOR for Life Rank does NOT count.

Timeline

1. The scout should have completed & passed the Board of Review (BOR) for the Rank of Life Scout no later than six (6) months and one (1) day before their 18th birthday (so Dec 13th would be Jun 12th).
2. Before having BOR for Eagle Scout, the Life Scout needs to complete all requirements for the Rank of Eagle (in no particular order) before their 18th birthday:
 - a. Be active in their home unit for at least six (6) months.
 - b. Earn a minimum of 21 Merit Badges (14 required & 7 electives).
 - i. Some merit badges require 90 days of work for completion.
 - c. Hold an approved leadership position in their home unit for six (6) months.
 - d. Plan, develop and give leadership in an approved service project that helps their "community" and complete all necessary paperwork:
 - i. Scout should have a discussion with their Unit Leader/Advancement Chair about the nature & expectations of Eagle Scout Projects
 - ii. Scout, with help of Unit Leader, must download the current Eagle Scout Project Workbook from the National BSA website & complete all needed pre-project questions.
 - iii. Scout, with assistance from others, must "find" a worthwhile project & "flesh out" most aspects. If the scout speaks with any possible donors or beneficiaries, they are to make no promises to them or set any dates.
 - iv. Scout must discuss Project Proposal with Unit Leader and eventually obtain approval of:
 1. Unit leader
 2. Unit Committee
 3. Beneficiary
 - v. The Unit Leader will schedule a meeting for Scout to discuss the project with the District Advancement Chair (DAC) for final approval. If needed, Scout needs to submit a Fundraising Application for GNYC approval.
 - vi. Scout is to reevaluate all aspects of the project and discuss any changes with their Unit Leader. Scout will then conduct the project and complete all needed paperwork in the Project Workbook. Requires Letter of Completion from the Beneficiary.
 - e. Have a rank conference with their Scout Leader.

3. With help from Unit Leader, Scout downloads and fills out the most current Eagle Scout Application from the National BSA website.
 - a. Signatures of the Scout, their Unit Leader, & their Committee Chair
 - b. List of expected Letters of Recommendation (see 4b below)
 - c. Written statement from the candidate (see 4a below)
4. Life Scout should send the following to the DAC while waiting on GNYC to verify information on application:
 - a. a statement of their ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations, during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service
 - b. Five (5) Letters of Recommendation from (one each):
 - i. Their parents/guardians (as one)
 - ii. Their Religious leader
 - iii. At least one current Teacher
 - iv. Their employer (if they have one)
 - v. Any other responsible adult(s)
 - c. Service Project Workbook and any supporting documents
5. Unit Leader or Unit Advancement Chair submits the completed Eagle Scout Application to GNYC for verification via Eaglecandidate@bsa-gnyc.org and CC: the DAC via Advfounders@gmail.com
6. BOR for Eagle Scout:
 - a. Unit leader schedules the BOR with DAC **AFTER** the Eagle Scout Application has been Verified & Approved by GNYC.
 - b. At least three (3) but not more than six (6) responsible adults are chosen by the DAC & the Unit to be on the BOR. Scout's Unit Leaders, and family are disqualified.
 - c. BOR is held and the Board decides.
 - i. To help reduce issues, it is preferred that the BOR happens no later than the day before the Scout's 18th birthday. The BOR may occur, without special approval, up to 24 months after their 18th birthday. GNYC must pre-approve those held after 24 months.
7. The Board sends the completed Application back to GNYC for finalization.
8. GNYC sends the finalized Application to the National Council for final approval
 - a. Final approval/rejection will be reported to GNYC, who will relay to whomever submitted the original Eagle Scout Application as well as the DAC.
9. Unit schedules date for presentation of award.
 - a. Unit should provide DAC with at least one month's notice of the date so that Eagle Award Presentation Kit can be obtained.
 - b. Award is presented to Scout & parents in a dignified ceremony.