



COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

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All Scouts must participate in service projects approved by his Scoutmaster (or Service Committee) and may be done as an individual project, as a member of a patrol or as a troop project. These service projects prepare a Scout as they move up the ranks for the more involved service projects they must perform for the Star, Life, and Eagle Scout Ranks.

4.2.3.3 Service Projects

"Basic to the lessons in Scouting, especially regarding citizenship, service projects are a key element in council, district and unit programs. They should be a regular and critical part of the program in every pack, troop, crew, and ship.

Service projects required for ranks other than Eagle must be approved according to what is written in the requirements and may be conducted individually or through participation in patrol or troop efforts. They also may be approved for those assisting on Eagle Scout service projects. Service project work for ranks other than Eagle clearly calls for participation only. Planning, development, or leadership must not be required.

Time that Scouts spend assisting on Eagle service projects should be allowed in meeting these requirements. Note that Eagle projects do not have a minimum time requirement, but call for planning and development, and leadership of others, and must be pre approved by the council or district. (See "The Eagle Scout Service Project," 9.0.2.0.)"

— [BSA Guide To Advancement #33088](#), page 22

"Counting service hours for school or elsewhere in the community and also for advancement is not considered double counting since the hours are counted only once for advancement purposes."

— [BSA Guide To Advancement #33088](#), page 25

Service Hours Requirement by Rank

- Tenderfoot Class Rank (1 Hour)
- Second Class Rank (2 Hours)
- First Class Rank (3 Hours)
- Star Rank (6 Hours)
- Life Rank (6 Hours including 3 conservation-related hours)

Eagle Rank

While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your Scoutmaster and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement. (To learn more about the Eagle Scout service project, see the Guide to Advancement, topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.16.)

— [Scouts BSA Rank Requirements 2019](#), page 22

The following steps MUST be taken in order to properly receive credit for any service hours you perform.

1. Determine your project/beneficiary
2. Complete this Scout section of this form
3. Obtain approval on this form from a Scoutmaster (or Service Committee member) prior to starting your project/hours
4. Complete the project/hours as indicated on the approved form
5. Submit this *Community Service Hour* form, complete with all signatures to your Scoutmaster for final approval and credit.



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Service Hours Project *[Scout completes this section]*

Scout Name : _____ Date : _____

Service Date(s) : _____ # Service Hours : _____

Community Organization : _____

Work Description : _____

Scout's Signature : _____

Scoutmaster or Service Committee Pre Approval : _____

Community Organization *[Representative completes this section]*

Representative Name : _____

Contact Info : *[phone or email]* _____

Comments : _____

Signature : _____ Date : _____

For Scoutmaster or Service Committee Use Only

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Approved by: _____ Signature: _____ # Hours: _____ Date Entered in SB: _____