



Eagle Rank Checklist



This Checklist can help you organize your thoughts as you work toward earning the Eagle Scout Rank.
The Scout must do each requirement.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in **Boy Scout Requirements** (Pub. 33216 – SKU 616334).
The requirements were last revised in 2013 • This workbook was updated in January 2013.

Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

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- 1. Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for a period of at least six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout.
- 2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your daily life.
- List on your Eagle Scout Rank Application the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf, including parents/guardians, religious, educational, and employer references.
- 3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than you already have), including the following: (a) First Aid, (b) Citizenship in the Community, (c) Citizenship in the Nation, (d) Citizenship in the World, (e) Communication, (f) Personal Fitness, (g) Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving, (h) Environmental Science, (i) Personal Management, (j) Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling, (k) Camping, and (l) Family Life.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a. First Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Citizenship in the Community | <input type="checkbox"/> 14. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. Citizenship in the Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Citizenship in the World | <input type="checkbox"/> 16. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e. Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> 17. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> f. Personal Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> 18. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> g. Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving* | <input type="checkbox"/> 19. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> h. Environmental Science | <input type="checkbox"/> 20. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> i. Personal Management | <input type="checkbox"/> 21. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> j. Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling* | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> k. Camping | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> l. Family Life | |

* You must choose only one merit badge listed in items g and j. If you have earned more than one of the badges listed in items g and j, choose one and list the remaining badges to make your total of 21.

4. While a Life Scout, serve actively in your unit for a period of six months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility. List only those positions served after your Life board of review date.
- Boy Scout troop.** Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, Venture patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, webmaster, or Leave No Trace trainer.
- Varsity Scout team.** Captain, cocaptain, program manager, squad leader, team secretary, Order of the Arrow team representative, librarian, historian, quartermaster, chaplain aide, instructor, den chief, webmaster, or Leave No Trace trainer.
- Venturing crew/ship.** President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, quartermaster, historian, den chief, guide, boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser, storekeeper, webmaster, or Leave No Trace trainer.
5. 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 Boy Scouting.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader 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. (*Editor's note: To learn more about the Eagle Scout service project, see the [Guide to Advancement](#), topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15.*)
6. Take part in a unit leader conference.
7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review. In preparation for your board of review, prepare and attach to your Eagle Scout Rank Application a statement of your 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. (This requirement may be met after age 18; see below.)

AGE REQUIREMENT ELIGIBILITY

Merit badges, badges of rank, and Eagle Palms may be earned by a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer. **He may earn these awards until his 18th birthday.** Any Venturer who has achieved the First Class rank as a Boy Scout in a troop or Varsity Scout in a team may continue working up to his 18th birthday toward the Star, Life, and Eagle Scout ranks and Eagle Palms. An Eagle Scout board of review may occur, without special approval, within three months after the 18th birthday. Local councils must preapprove those held three to six months afterward. To initiate approval, the candidate, his parent or guardian, the unit leader, or a unit committee member attaches to the application a statement explaining the delay. **Consult the *Guide to Advancement* in the case where a board of review is to be conducted more than six months after a candidate's 18th birthday.**

If you have a permanent physical or mental disability, or a disability expected to last more than two years, or beyond age 18, you may become an Eagle Scout by qualifying for as many required merit badges as you can and qualifying for alternative merit badges for the rest. If you seek to become an Eagle Scout under this procedure, you must submit a special application to your local council service center. Your application must be approved by your council advancement committee **before you can work on alternative merit badges.**

A Scout or Venturer with a disability may work toward rank advancement after he is 18 years of age if he meets the guidelines outlined in the *Guide to Advancement*.

Upcoming changes

New Sustainability Merit Badge to Be an Eagle-Required Option

Starting in summer 2013, when the Sustainability merit badge becomes available, those working toward the Eagle Scout rank may choose to earn either the Sustainability merit badge OR the Environmental Science merit badge. Earning one or the other merit badge will be required. Scouts who have already earned Environmental Science may also earn Sustainability, but only one of the two merit badges will count as "Eagle-required." The other may count as an elective merit badge necessary to reach the total of 21 required merit badges.

Cooking Merit Badge to Be Required for Eagle Starting Jan. 1, 2014

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the Cooking merit badge will be required to obtain the Eagle Scout rank. Regardless of when a Scout earned the Life rank or began working toward Eagle, unless he fulfills all the rank requirements—with the exception of his board of review— before Jan. 1, 2014, he must earn the Cooking merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.

Note: This means that as of January 1, 2014, the number of "Eagle required" merit badges will be 13, instead of 12, and the number of "Optional" badges will drop to 8.

Requirement resources can be found here:

http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Eagle_Rank/#Requirement_resources

Important excerpts from the [‘Guide To Advancement’](#), No. 33088:

Effective January 1, 2012, the *‘Guide to Advancement’* (which replaced the publication *‘Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures’*) is now the *official* Boy Scouts of America source on advancement policies and procedures.

- [Inside front cover, and 5.0.1.4] — **Unauthorized Changes to Advancement Program**
No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements.
(There are limited exceptions relating only to youth members with disabilities. For details see section 10, “Advancement for Members With Special Needs”.)

- [Inside front cover, and 7.0.1.1] — The [‘Guide to Safe Scouting’](#) Applies
Policies and procedures outlined in the *‘Guide to Safe Scouting’*, No. 34416, apply to all BSA activities, including those related to advancement and Eagle Scout service projects. [Note: Always reference the online version, which is updated quarterly.]

- [10.2.2.3] — **Alternative Merit Badges for Eagle Scout Rank**
Though individual requirements for merit badges may not be modified or substituted, youth with disabilities may be approved for alternative badges they can complete. This is allowable on the basis of one entire badge for another. To qualify, a Scout or qualified Venturer or Sea Scout must have a permanent physical or mental disability, or a disability expected to last more than two years, or beyond age 18. The member does not need to be registered beyond the age of eligibility with a disability code. Before applying, he must earn as many of the Eagle required merit badges as possible. Any alternates must present the same challenge and learning level as those they replace, and must be completed by the 18th birthday. If physical activity is involved, a physician must approve it.

Upon finishing the Eagle-required merit badges that are possible, the Scout, with his parent or guardian, reviews the detailed requirements covered in the [Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges](#). The completed application is sent to the council advancement committee. It must be accompanied by supporting letters from the unit leader, a parent or guardian, and the member (if possible), as well as a written statement from a qualified health professional related to the nature of the disability. This may be a physician, neurologist, psychiatrist, psychologist, etc., or an educational administrator as appropriate. Statements must describe the disability; cover the Scout’s capabilities, limitations, and prognosis; and outline why the merit badge(s) cannot be completed. Additional information such as Individualized Education Plans provided to parents by schools, and various treatment summaries and reports, may help an advancement committee make an informed decision. All alternate badges should be included on just one form.

Normally, it is expected that youth with moderate learning disorders, ADD, ADHD, and similar conditions, can—albeit more slowly—earn the required merit badges.

The advancement committee reviews the application, using the expertise of professionals involved with youth who have disabilities. To make a fair determination, the committee may want to interview the Scout, his parent(s) or guardian(s), and the unit leader. The committee’s decision should be recorded and delivered to the Scout and the unit leader.

When applying for the Eagle Scout rank, a candidate with disabilities must attach the Eagle Scout Rank application to the approved Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges. The form can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/forms.aspx>.

In addition to the excerpts above, Eagle Scout candidates should review and pay particular attention to the following portions of the [Guide to Advancement](#), which are too lengthy to reproduce here:

Section 8. Boards of Review: An Overview for All Ranks

[8.0.3.0] — Particulars for the Eagle Scout Rank

Section 9. The Eagle Scout

[9.0.1.0] — The Eagle Scout Rank Application Process

(including Subsections 9.0.1.1 — 9.0.1.10)

[9.0.2.0] — The Eagle Scout Service Project

(including Subsections 9.0.2.1 — 9.0.2.15)

Section 10. Advancement for Members With Special Needs

[10.2.2.3] — Alternative Merit Badges for Eagle Scout Rank

[10.2.2.4] — Approval for Special-Needs Eagle Candidates Over Age 18