

## **Eagle Scout Rank Requirements** *(Revised effective 1/1/2010.)*

Requirement changes are usually effective on January 1, although merit badge requirements can change at any time. Go <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/boyscout/intro.asp> for the current requirements.

Additional wording may appear on the Eagle Scout Rank Application or the annual Boy Scout Requirements book which either clarifies or amplifies the requirements in the Boy Scout Handbook.

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1. Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship and patrol for a period of at least 6 months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout.
2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life. List 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 needed for Life Scout), including the following 12:
  - First Aid
  - Citizenship in the Community
  - Citizenship in the Nation
  - Citizenship in the World
  - Communications
  - Personal Fitness
  - Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving \*
  - Environmental Science
  - Personal Management
  - Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling \*
  - Camping, and
  - Family Life
- \* You must choose only one from each of the two sets of alternative merit badges as an Eagle badge. You may use any additional alternative badges toward your total of 21.
4. While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of 6 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility (for a 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, bugler, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, troop 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 should benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) The project plan must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your Scoutmaster and troop committee and the council or district before you start. You must use the [Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook](#), No. 521-927, in meeting this requirement.
6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

**NOTE:** All requirements must be completed before a candidate's 18th birthday and the application must be turned in before the candidate's 18th birthday. However, the Eagle Scout board of review can be held after the candidate's 18th birthday. For more information, see Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures, publication No. 33088D. Also see the note below.

If a Scout has a permanent physical or mental disability, he may become an Eagle Scout by qualifying for as many required merit badges as he can do and qualifying for alternative merit badges for the rest. A Scout who seeks to become an Eagle Scout under this procedure, must submit a special application to his local council service center. The application must be approved by the council advancement committee before the Scout works on alternative merit badges. The Alternate requirements are also listed in more detail in the annual Boy Scout Requirements book.