

Requirements for merit badges may be revised at any time, although revisions are usually effective on January 1. Go to <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/meritbadges.asp> for the current requirements.

A Scout may choose any of the 15 required merit badges in the 12 categories to fulfill the merit badge requirements for Star and Life. For example, both Swimming and Cycling could be used for Star or Life.

Star Scout Requirements *(Revised effective 1/1/2010.)*

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 4 months as a First Class Scout.
2. Demonstrate scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Earn 6 merit badges, including 4 from the required list for Eagle.*
_____ (required for Eagle)*
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4. While a First Class Scout, take part in service projects totaling at least 6 hours of work. These projects must be approved by your Scoutmaster.
5. While a First Class Scout, serve actively 4 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility (or carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop): (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.
6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference
7. Complete your board of review.

Life Scout Requirements *(Revised effective 1/1/2010.)*

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 6 months as a Star Scout.
2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Earn 5 more merit badges (so that you have 11 in all), including any 3 more from the required list for Eagle.
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4. While a Star Scout, take part in service projects totaling at least 6 hours of work. These projects must be approved by your Scoutmaster.
5. While a Star Scout, use the EDGE method to teach a younger Scout the skills from ONE of the following six choices, so that he is prepared to pass those requirements to his unit leader's satisfaction.
 - a. Second Class - 7a and 7c (first aid)
 - b. Second Class - 1a (outdoor skills)
 - c. Second Class - 3c, 3d, 3e, and 3f (cooking/camping)
 - d. First Class - 8a, 8b, 8c, and 8d (first aid)
 - e. First Class - 1, 7a, and 7c (outdoor skills)
 - f. First Class - 4a, 4b, and 4d (cooking/camping)
6. While a Star Scout, serve actively 6 months in one or more of the positions of responsibility listed in requirement 5 for Star Scout (or carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop).
7. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference
8. Complete your board of review.