



# Life to Eagle Seminar



Presented by the Pennsylvania Dutch Council  
Advancement Committee

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# Objectives

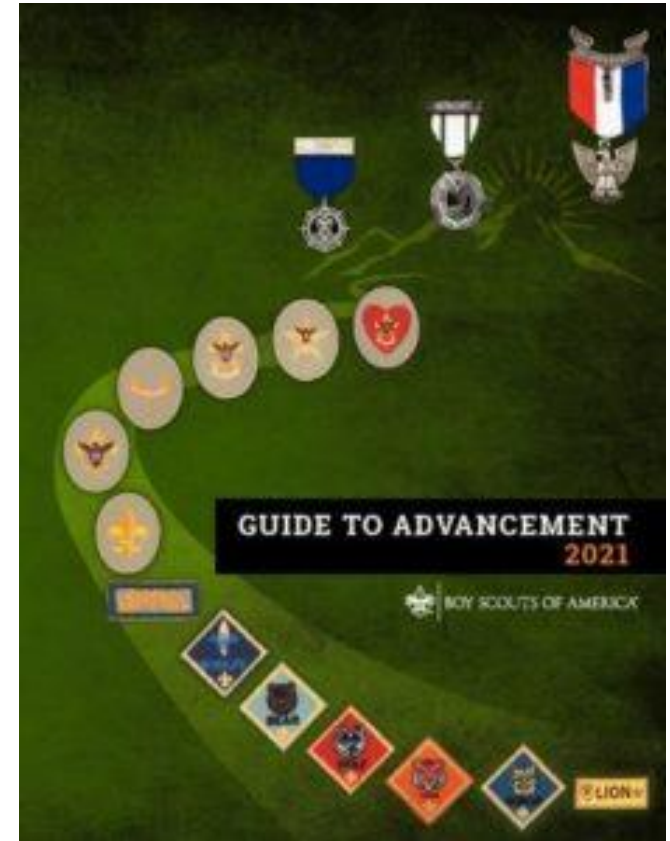
- **Review Available Resources.**
- **Review the Requirements for Eagle Scout Rank**
- **Review the Eagle Scout Project Process**
- **Discuss the Eagle Scout Board of Review**
- **Discuss Special Circumstances**





# Resources

- **BSA Guide to Advancement**
  - BSA's Official Guide to Advancement Policy and Procedure
  - Available Free Online
  - Chapters on:
    - The Eagle Scout Rank
    - Merit Badges
    - Boards of Review
    - Much, much more





## Resources Cont.

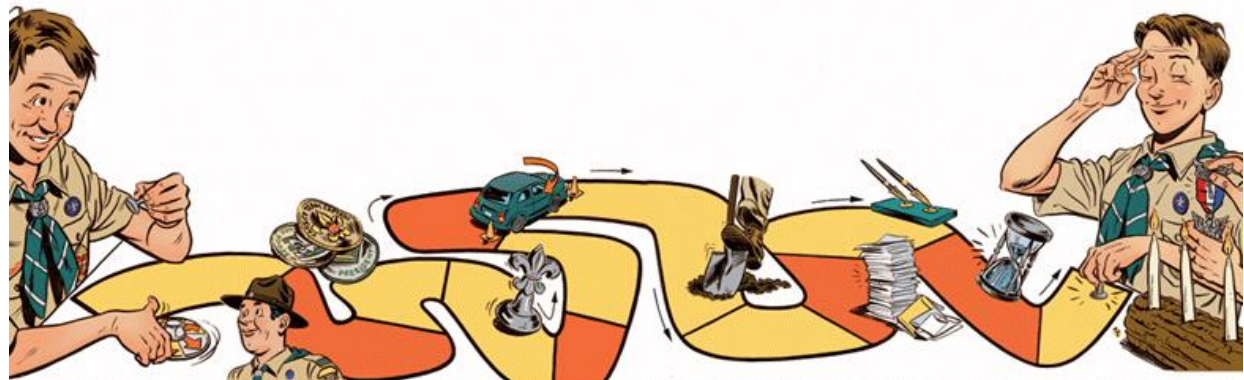
- **Council Website:**
  - [www.padutchbsa.org](http://www.padutchbsa.org)
    - Resource Center → Advancement → Eagle Scout Resources
      - *Latest Forms, FAQs, Contact Information*
- **District Eagle Coordinators**
  - Review and Approve Project Proposals
  - Work with Unit Leaders to schedule and help with Eagle Board of Reviews
  - Answer Questions
  - **List and Contact Info on Website Above**





# Eagle Rank Requirements

- **Things to Keep in Mind**
  - All Requirements (except the Board of Review) must be completed prior to your 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
  - You **MUST** use the newest version of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and Eagle Scout Rank Application
    - ***Newest Versions are linked on Council Website***





## Requirement # 1 – Be Active

**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.**

- Active = registered, in good standing with the unit, and meets the unit’s “reasonable” pre-established expectations for level of activity
  - See Guide to Advancement 4.2.3.1
- At least six months after achieving the Life Rank = At minimum six full months after date of Life Board of Review





## Requirement # 2 – References

**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.**

### **NO BLANK SPACES ON APPLICATIONS**

- If Not Employed put Not Applicable or N.A.
- If Scout does not attend a church and cannot provide a religious reference list the parent(s) name and information
- If Home Schooled list parent(s) name and information





## EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION

**TO THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICANT.** This application is to be submitted after you have completed all requirements for the Eagle Scout rank. Print in ink or type all information. List the month, day, and year for all dates. When using computer date blocks, list the date—July 8, 2019, as 07 (for July) 08 (for day) 19 (for year). When you have completed this application, sign it and submit it to your unit leader.

**FULL LEGAL NAME** (Use abbreviations if necessary; must fit within 30 characters, including spaces and punctuation.)

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Street address or P.O. box \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (including area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Troop, crew, ship, or Sea Scout Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Unit city, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date joined Scouts BSA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date joined a Varsity Scout team \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date joined a Venturing crew \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date joined a Sea Scout ship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of First Class Scout board of review \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Star Scout board of review \_\_\_\_\_  
 Were you a Cub Scout?  Yes  No  
 Were you a Webelos Scout?  Yes  No  
 Did you earn the Arrow of Light Award?  Yes  No  
 Had you completed fifth grade upon joining?  Yes  No

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COUNCIL NO.	TYPE OF UNIT
REGION	UNIT NO.
BOY NO. REQUEST	
POSTAL CODE	

Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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A Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout with a disability may work toward rank advancement after their 18th birthday if they meet the criteria for registration beyond the age of eligibility. See the Guide to Advancement, section 10.0.0.0, for details.

**REQUIREMENT 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.

**REQUIREMENT 2.** Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout 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.

Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Parents/guardians	_____	_____	_____
Religious	_____	_____	_____
Educational	_____	_____	_____
Employer (if any)	_____	_____	_____
Two other references	_____	_____	_____

**REQUIREMENT 3.** Earn a total of 21 merit badges (prepared badges are listed). List the month, day, and year the merit badge was earned and the unit number it was earned in.

MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.
1 CAMPING			*9 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR SUSTAINABILITY		15			
2 CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY			9 FIRST AID		16			
3 CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION			*10 SWIMMING OR HIKING OR CYCLING		17			
4 CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD			11 PERSONAL MANAGEMENT		18			
5 COMMUNICATION			12 PERSONAL FITNESS		19			
6 COOKING			13 FAMILY LIFE		20			
*7 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR LIFE SAVING			14		21			

\*Cross out badges not earned. If a crossed-out badge is #7, #8, and #10 was earned, it may be reentered in 14 through 21. You must attach the Application for Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges for those merit badges earned in place of the Eagle required badge(s).



**Requirement 2. Demonstrate that you live by the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life. List the names of individuals who you know personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf.**

**These are the individuals who should provide the written letters of recommendation for the scout.**







# Requirement # 3 – Merit Badges

**Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than you already have), including the following:**

a) First Aid	h) Personal Fitness
b) Citizenship in the Community	i) Emergency Prep. OR Lifesaving*
c) Citizenship in the Nation	j) Environmental Science OR Sustainability*
d) Citizenship in Society	k) Personal Management
e) Citizenship in the World	l) Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling*
f) Communication	m) Camping
g) Cooking	n) Family Life

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





## Requirement # 3 Cont.

- **Keep In Mind**
  - Some Merit Badges have time based requirements (3 months, etc.)

# DON'T WAIT





# Requirement # 4 – Leadership Positions

**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.**

- **Keep in Mind**
  - While a Life Scout = After your Life Rank Board of Review
  - Six Months = Six full months or more
    - Tenure in multiple positions can be used to add up to six full months





## Requirement # 4 Cont.

Approved Leadership Positions	
Patrol Leader	Librarian
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader	Historian
Senior Patrol Leader	Quartermaster
Venture Patrol Leader	Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster
Troop Guide	Chaplain's Aide
OA Troop Representative	Instructor
Den Chief	Webmaster
Scribe	Leave No Trace Trainer

- Assistant patrol leader and bugler are not approved positions of responsibility for Eagle.
- A Unit Leader assigned leadership project cannot be substituted.





# Requirement # 5 – The Eagle Project

**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 the Boy Scouts of America.)***

**The 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 Leadership Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 521-927, 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.)**





## Requirement # 5 Cont.

### The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

- Use the Newest One!
- Read it!
- Follow the Directions!





## Requirement # 5 Cont.

### The Eagle Scout Service Project Process

- **Develop an Idea That Interests YOU!**
  - Projects must be for any religious organization, school, or your community. Not the BSA.
  - Project must provide opportunity for planning, development, and leadership.
  - Restrictions
    - No required minimum number of hours
    - Routine labor is not appropriate
    - Should not be of a commercial nature
    - May not be a fundraiser
    - No more than one Eagle Candidate can work on the same project.





## Requirement # 5 Cont.

- **Before Moving Forward With Your Idea**
  - Run it by your Unit Leader
  - Run it by your District Eagle Coordinator
  - Run it by the Benefiting Organization
- **If everyone is good with your idea:**
  - Prepare your Project Proposal
    - Project Proposal = Project Overview
    - Must demonstrate that the project can meet the following tests:
      - *It provides sufficient opportunity to meet the Eagle Scout Service project requirements.*
      - *It appears to be feasible*
      - *Safety issues will be addressed*
      - *Action steps for further detailed planning are included*
      - *You are on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience*







# Requirement # 5 Cont.

## The Project Proposal Cont.

– The proposal must be approved by obtaining the signatures of:

- Unit Leader
- Unit Committee
- Project Beneficiary
- District Eagle Coordinator

Before beginning any further planning or work on the project.

- **Once the Proposal is Approved develop your Project Plan**

– No approval necessary





# Requirement # 5 Cont.

## Fundraising

- Not required for a project
- If you are going to fundraise...
  - *The fundraiser must be approved by your unit leader, the project beneficiary, and the District Eagle Coordinator*
  - *Funds raised must be raised on behalf of the project beneficiary*
  - *Any left over funds must be given to the project beneficiary.*





## Requirement # 5 Cont.

**Once Planned, Carry Out Your Project.**





## Requirement # 5 Cont.

### Once Finished, Complete Your Project Report

- Final Project approvals given by Unit Leader and Benefiting Organization.
  - *In my opinion, this Eagle Scout service project meets Eagle Scout requirement 5, as stated...*
- Once the Benefiting Organization Signs Off, the Project is Complete!





# Requirement # 6 – Scoutmaster Conference



## **Take part in a Scoutmaster Conference.**

- **Not a Test. Not Pass/Fail**
- **While it makes sense to hold one after other requirements for a rank are met, it is not required that it be the last step before the board of review.**
- **Must be completed prior to 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday**
- **Scoutmaster cannot deny Scoutmaster Conference.**  
**Guide To Advancement 4.2.3.5**





## Certification by Applicant

On my honor as a Scout, ... all statements on this application are true and correct. All requirements, with the exception of my board of review, were completed prior to my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In preparation for your board of review, prepare and attach to your Eagle Scout Rank Application:

A statement of your ambitions and life purpose.

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.





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COUNCIL MUST COMPLETE	
COUNCIL NO.	TYPE OF UNIT
POSTHUMOUS: <input type="checkbox"/>	

MALE  FEMALE

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Date of birth

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Date of Life Scout board of review

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# Requirement # 7-Board of Review

**Successfully complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review.**







## Requirement # 7 Cont.

### Eagle Scout Rank Application

- Board of Review cannot happen until after the Council has verified the Eagle Rank Application
  - Robin Kotzmoyer, Council Eagle Administrative Asst.  
[robin.kotzmoyer@scouting.org](mailto:robin.kotzmoyer@scouting.org), 717-394-4063 or
  - Nicole Welch, Committee Staff Adviser  
[Nicole.Welch@scouting.org](mailto:Nicole.Welch@scouting.org), 717-553-4202
  - Must use newest version of the application or it will be turned away. Please use fillable pdf to TYPE application.
  - Application MUST be complete up to “BSA Local Council Verification” before it can be verified.
  - **Helpful Hint** – Before filling out application, request a “Person Profile” from your **Unit Advancement Coordinator** to check that all official dates are correct on file. **Too often Council and Unit records differ slowing the process. Get dates corrected if needed.**





## Requirement # 7 Cont.

- **Board of Review Specifics**
  - Only Requirement that does not have to be completed before 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday
    - 0 to 24 months after 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday = No Problems
    - More than 24 months after 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday = Complete and submit Belated Rank Application (11.3.0.0)
  - Board of Review cannot be denied once other requirements are met
    - Board of Review Under Dispute = Guide to Advancement, topic 8.0.3.2.
  - Scout must be registered as a youth at time of Board of Review.





## Requirement # 7 Cont.

- Board of Review cannot be denied or postponed because of unresponsive references
- Board of Review Makeup
  - 3 to 6 people at least 21 years old
    - *At least One District/Council Representative*
    - *Others may include Community Members, Civic Leaders, Unit Cmt. Members, Eagle Scouts*





## Requirement #7 Cont.

- **What to Expect During the Board of Review**
  - Not a Test or Examination
  - Wearing the full Scout Uniform is preferred or the Scout is neat in appearance
    - Guide to Advancement 8.0.0.4
  - Discussion Topics May Include:
    - Your Eagle Project
    - Your Scout Experiences
    - Your Life Goals and Plans
    - How you do your Duty to God
    - What you think about current Community, National, and World Events.
    - Many, many more possible topics





## Requirement # 7 Cont.

- **Board of Review decision must be unanimous**
  - If Approved
    - Congratulations!
    - Turn the final, signed Eagle Scout Rank Application back into the Council Service Center
    - The Council Service Center will notify your unit leader once the National Council has approved the application and your certificate is ready to pick up
    - Celebrate! You Deserve It!
  - If Denied there is an appeals process:
    - District → Council → National
      - ***National Decisions are Final!***
    - Guide to Advancement 8.0.4.0





# Special Circumstances

## Time Extensions (9.0.4.0)

- Rarely Granted
- Must be due to circumstances out of the Scout's Control
- Must File "Request for Extension of Time" Form 11.2.0.0
- Request researched and reviewed by Council Advancement Committee who recommends or denies the request then forwards to Scout Executive.
- Denials can be appealed to the National Council.
- National decisions are Final.





# Special Circumstances Cont.

## Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges

- Only available for Scouts with permanent mental or physical disabilities.
- Must use “Application For Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges” Form
- Reviewed and approved by Council Advancement Committee
- Alternative badges must be agreed upon and approved **BEFORE** beginning work on them.
- Alternate badges must be completed by age 18 unless the Scout has been approved for registration beyond the age of eligibility.

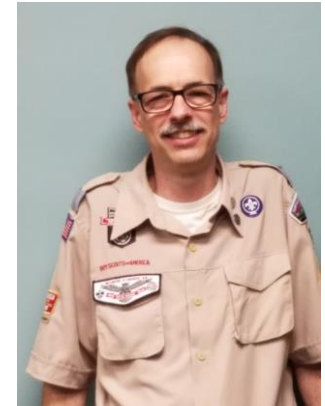


# Eagle Coordinators For Pennsylvania Dutch Council



Eagle Coordinator  
Columbia, Donegal,  
Elizabethtown, Lancaster,  
Manheim Central  
John Hostetter

By school districts in  
Lancaster County



Eagle Coordinator  
Hempfield, Lancaster,  
Manheim Township  
Gregg Martell



Eagle Coordinator  
Eastern Lancaster,  
Lampeter-Strausberg,  
Penn Manor, Solanco  
Teresa Kurau



Eagle Coordinator  
Conestoga Valley  
Ed Van Arsdale III







## By school districts in Lancaster County



Eagle Coordinator  
Cocalico, Ephrata  
Mary Saylor



Eagle Coordinator  
Cocalico  
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Eagle Coordinator  
Warwick  
Jeffrey (Jeff) Rinehimer

## Eagle Coordinators for Lebanon County



Brian Wauhop

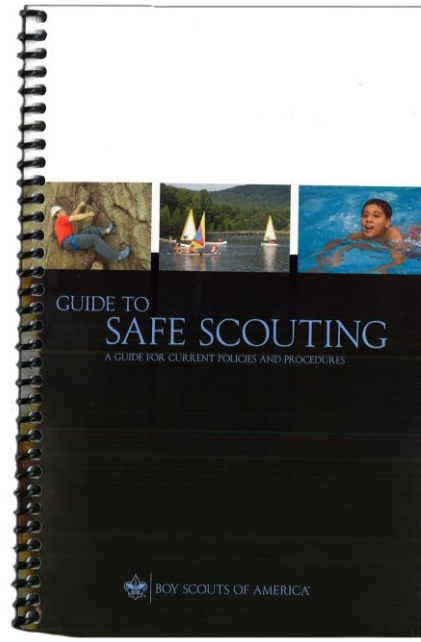
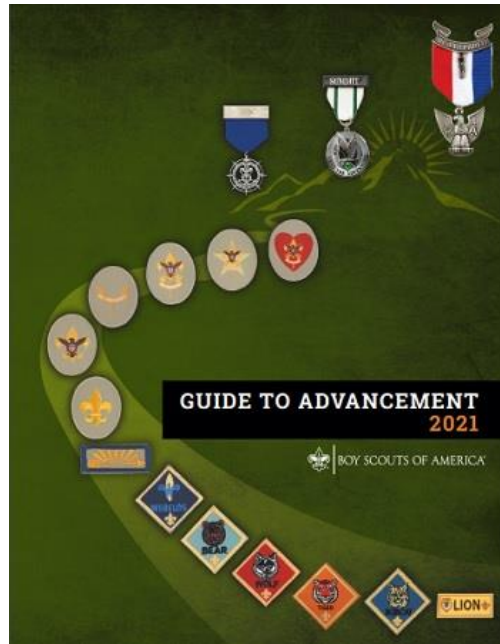


Louis Mills





# References





**Please note that: *Poor Planning on Your Part, Does Not Constitute an Emergency on Mine.***





# Questions?

