

Eagle Project and Approval Process

1. The candidate may start on the Project **AFTER** his Life Board of Review (**NOT BEFORE**). It is not necessary to have earned all 21 merit badges first.
2. Review Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook with parents and leaders. (especially pages 2-4).
3. **Limitations:**
 - *Note that a project where the candidate is given a written plan or detailed list of the way the project must be done, by the organization to be served, does not qualify.
 - *The candidate must **plan** and **develop the project** – and **show plenty of leadership** (even over the adults). Parents may provide transportation and support, but the candidate must do the organizing and directing. Candidates should use other Scouts and friends first. (A project is not to be done by just the candidate or his family).
 - *The organization to be served (and even some unit leaders) probably do not know what constitutes a valid Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. The candidate may need to educate them.
 - *The Eagle Leadership Project may **only** be done for a **non-profit organization** (i.e. church, school, or community organization).
 - *It **cannot** be performed for any **individual(s)**, or for their **private property, businesses** (including apartment complexes), or be of a **commercial nature**, or be a **fund-raiser** (i.e. Pennies by the Inch, etc.). Fund raising can only be a small part in order to secure money or materials to accomplish the project.)
 - *It **cannot** be **routine labor** (i.e. weeding, cleaning, picking up trash, etc.) These things can be done in order to prepare the area for the **main project, but not as a project by itself**.
 - *No two candidates can work on the same project. Each Eagle Project **must stand solely independent** of any other project done for the same organization.
 - *It **cannot** be done for any Boy Scout property or other **BSA Activity**.
 - *Projects should be of a **significant** or lasting nature. Simple projects such as PVC pipe phones or cleaning should be avoided.
4. **Hours and Size:**
 - *There are no minimum or maximum number of hours that must be spent on carrying out the project. However, an **Eagle Project must show “significant” hours in planning, developing and leadership**. It **MUST** be on a much larger scale than service done for Star or Life. (The Grand Teton Council’s average per Eagle Project is about 80 hours.) The primary purpose of the project is to show leadership!
5. **Before a candidate starts any work on the project, he MUST obtain the four signatures (on page 9) of:** 1) the representative of the organization that will benefit from the project (this person must be the person listed on page 6), 2) the unit leader, and 3) the committee chairperson. Finally, he **MUST** obtain the approval and signature of a member of the District Eagle Advancement Committee. They have been certified and will gladly help determine the difference between an EAGLE PROJECT and a troop service or maintenance project.

YOU CAN OBTAIN THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THE ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS BY CONTACTING THE NEAREST SCOUT SERVICE CENTER:

Idaho Falls 522-5155 Pocatello 233-4600 Blackfoot 785-1622 Jackson 307-733-3086

ONLY AFTER ALL FOUR SIGNATURES ARE OBTAINED CAN THE PROJECT BE STARTED.

As the candidate works on the project, remember that his responsibility is to show and track leadership skills and actions. Perform the work as proposed in the approved Project Plan. If major changes are to be made, contact the District Eagle Advancement Chairman and make sure he/she will approve the changes. Keep records of: who worked (name, date, times); materials, supplies, tools actually needed and used; all additional purchases or donations, problems encountered and how solved. Take pictures or make drawings of project. Final written report should be complete with plenty of details. **When the project is completed, the unit leader and the representative (named on page 6) of the organization for which the project was done MUST verify that the project was satisfactorily completed. Then (and only then) they sign the project – completed portion (page 13) of the workbook.**

EAGLE APPLICATION PROCESS

The ideal plan is to have the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook and Eagle Application presented to each Scout at the time of his Life Board of Review. The Scout leaders and parent(s) should see to it that the Scout has **support** in reading through and carrying out his goals toward Eagle. He should be given correct Scouting leadership positions (as listed on the top back side of the Eagle Application). He will have to have a **FULL 6 MONTHS of SCOUTING LEADERSHIP after Life Date** in order to qualify for Eagle.

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE EARNED AND COMPLETED BEFORE THE SCOUT'S 18th BIRTHDAY. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

Note: The Scout should strive to have all requirements and Eagle Board of Review completed BEFORE his 18th Birthday in case of discrepancies or problems. The three months allowed to hold the Eagle Board of Review after the 18th birthday is **ONLY** for emergency purposes.

*The candidate should earn all 21 merit badges and have the blue cards signed by Registered Merit Badge Counselors. The signed blue cards are given to the Unit Advancement Chairman who should input the earned information into the Internet Advancement (the applicant should keep his portion for his records).

*The Scout should **neatly** fill out **ALL spaces** with information on the Eagle Application down to and including the **Unit Approval signatures** on the back.

National **requires** that the candidate **use only the new 2008 Eagle Application** after May 1, 2008. You can get this in the Council Scout Service Center or print your own online at **nesa.org** (Trail to Eagle).

The candidate must also complete Requirement # 6--his essay on his ambitions, goals and life purpose. He needs to give this much thought. Also, include all leadership positions held in religious, school, camp/scouting, community and other organizations. Include all special awards and honors received.

When **all is completed**, the candidate must see to it that either he, his leader, or family bring his paperwork into the nearest Scout Office to have the Council Eagle Processor check all the dates and information. This will usually take anywhere from 1-3 days to check. **PAPERWORK TO BRING IN:**

- 1. Completed Eagle Project Book**
- 2. Completed Eagle Application**
- 3. Requirement #6 (essay and list of positions held, etc).**

The letters of recommendation are not necessary to be brought into the office for the initial check. These are to stay in **sealed envelopes** and given to the Unit Advancement Chairman or whoever is assigned to head the Eagle Board of Review. These will be opened by the Eagle Board. (Note that there needs to be a letter of recommendation from **all listed on Requirement #2**). The religious recommendation should be from the pastor, priest or bishop. A letter is not required from parents because they will have the opportunity to address the Board of Review personally; however (as these letters become personal property of the Eagle candidate) it could be a special remembrance for him to have one from mom and dad.

After the Council Eagle Processor has checked and found everything correct, she/he will sign the Eagle Application. (If there are any problems found, the candidate will be notified in order for him to correct or add the needed information, then the Eagle Processor will review the corrections and sign). Please review the information before bringing it into the Scout Office so that time will not be wasted on incomplete paperwork. After the signed Eagle Application, Eagle Scout Leadership Project Workbook and Requirement #6 are picked up from the Scout Office, the Unit Advancement Chairman should receive all this paperwork and organize and call the Eagle Review Board. There needs to be 3 – 6 people called to sit on the Board. One must be the District Eagle Representative (usually the one who approved the project; preferably not from your unit). After the Board, they will sign the Eagle Application and the Advancement report. These 2 papers need to be turned into the Council Eagle Processor to send to National.