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# Life to Eagle

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### **Message from Jere Ratcliffe**

Congratulations Life Scout,

In attaining the rank of Life Scout, you have had the opportunity to learn and master many skills. You've hiked and camped in good and not so good weather. You've learned to take care of yourself and others in the out of doors, as well as in your home community.

Before you now is the opportunity to master yet another set of skills. These skills are encompassed in the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout.

One of these requirements is your demonstration of leadership skills. You do so by planning and carrying out an **Eagle Scout Service Project**.

The attached Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook is used to meet this requirement. You will use this workbook to plan, receive the necessary approvals, carry out and then report on the completion of your project.

After completion of your project, and all the other requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, these steps are to be completed as follows:

1. Review the enclosed Eagle Scout Rank application. Note that you will need to list references of persons that will speak on your behalf. You will also need to prepare a statement about yourself.
2. Fill out the enclosed Eagle Scout Rank application. Ask your unit leader and/or unit advancement committee person to assist you.
3. Secure the signature of your unit leader and unit committee. Their signatures indicate approval and recommendation by your unit.
4. Your Eagle Scout Rank application, Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, and statement about yourself is then submitted to your local council service center.
5. The contents of your application will be certified and the references you have listed will be contacted.
6. After certification and reference verification, you will be contacted by the Eagle Scout board of review chairman who will set your board of review date.

Eagle Scouts are recognized as a select group of men who are outstanding in all that Scouting represents. I encourage you to become a member of that elite group.

Sincerely,

Jere B. Ratcliffe  
Chief Scout Executive



# EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

## Project Selection Information

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Congratulations on reaching the rank of Life Scout. You have probably already thought about ideas for your Eagle Scout service project, and, hopefully, you have read over the requirement for the service 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 idea must be approved by your Scoutmaster and troop committee and approved by the council or district before you start." (*Eagle Rank Requirements*)

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"There is a major difference between the service projects for Star and Life, and the one you will complete for Eagle. In the first two, you can be a follower. For Eagle, you must be a leader. You must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a project of help to any religious group, school, or community. **When finished, the project must be of real value.**"

"An Eagle project will take many more hours of planning and effort than projects for Star and Life. It does not have to be original, but it certainly can be." (*The Boy Scout Handbook; Upward To Eagle; P593*)

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The BSA Advancement Policies and Procedures Guide provides the following information:

**Eagle Scout Rank.** For a service project to qualify as an Eagle Scout service project, a boy, while a Life Scout, must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project benefiting any religious institution, school, or community. These projects, of course, must conform to the wishes and regulations of those for whom the project is undertaken.

The Eagle service project provides the opportunity for the Eagle Scout candidate to demonstrate the leadership skills he has learned in Scouting. He does the project outside the sphere of Scouting.

As a demonstration of leadership, the Scout must plan the work, organize the personnel needed, and direct the project to completion.

Service to others is important. Work involving council property or other BSA activities is not acceptable for an Eagle Scout service project. The service project also may not be performed for a business, or be of a commercial nature, or be a fund-raiser.

**NOTE: Fund-raising is permitted only for securing materials or supplies needed to carry out the project.**

**Routine labor, a job or service normally rendered, should not be considered.** There is no minimum number of hours that must be spent on carrying out the project. The amount of time spent must be sufficient enough for the Scout to clearly demonstrate leadership skills.

**The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook must be used to meet this requirement.** (*Please use only the current workbook with Chief Scout Jere Ratcliffe's picture*)

The Scout must secure the prior approval of his unit leader, his unit committee, and the benefactor of the project. The project must also be reviewed and approved by the district or council advancement committee or their designee to make sure that it meets the stated requirements for Eagle Scout service projects before the project is started. **This preapproval of the project does not mean that the board of review will approve the way the project was carried out.**"

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Members of your District Advancement Committee are available to answer questions and provide guidance in the selection and documentation of your service project. Please contact them direct or the Scout Service Center if you have any questions.

# EAGLE SCOUT



## SERVICE PROJECT WORKBOOK

Scout's name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit leader's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Unit number \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

# EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

You have earned the Life Scout rank and are ready to begin your Eagle Scout service project. This workbook will assist you in planning and recording the progress of your project and in completing and submitting a final report.

## The Requirement

“While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to your religious institution, school, or community. This project idea must be approved by your unit leader (Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, Explorer Advisor), unit committee, and by the council or district advancement committee before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No. 18-927 in meeting this requirement.”

## Originality

Does the project for Eagle have to be original, perhaps something you dream up that has never been done before? The answer is “No, but it certainly could be.” You may pick an Eagle project that has been done before, but you must accept responsibility for planning, direction, and following through to its successful completion.

## Limitations

Routine labor (a job or service normally rendered) should not be considered. Work involving council property or other BSA activities is not permitted. The project also may not be performed for a business, be of a commercial nature, or be a fundraiser. (Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials or supplies needed to carry out your project.)

## Size

How big a project is required? There are not specific requirements, as long as the project is helpful to a religious institution, school, or community. The amount of time spent by you in planning your project and the actual working time spent in carrying out the project should be as much as necessary for you to demonstrate your leadership of others.

## Examples

A look at some projects other Scouts have done for their Eagle Award illustrates that your project may be to construct something or may be to render a service.

- Made trays to fasten to wheelchairs for disabled veterans in a VA hospital.
- Collected used books and distributed them to people in town who wanted and needed, but couldn't afford them.
- Put a sturdy footbridge across a brook to make a safe shortcut for children between their homes and school.
- Collected and repaired used toys and gave them to a home for handicapped children.
- Organized and ran a bicycle safety campaign. This involved a written safety test, equipment safety checking, and a skill contest in a bike rodeo.
- Surveyed the remains of an old Spanish mission and prepared an accurate map relating it to the present church.
- Built a “tot lot” in a big city neighborhood and set up a schedule for Boy Scouts to run it.
- Set up a community study center for kids with no place at home to do schoolwork.

## Approvals

### Before You Start

Your project idea must be approved by your unit leader, unit committee, and council or district advancement committee before the project is started. The following questions must be answered before giving this approval:

- Who will benefit?
- How will they benefit?
- What official from the group benefited will be contacted for guidance in planning the project?
- How many people will be recruited to carry out the project?

## **After Completion**

Although your project was approved by your unit leader, unit committee, and council or district advancement committee before it was begun, the Eagle Scout board of review must approve the manner in which it was carried out. Questions that must be answered follow:

- Did you demonstrate leadership of others?
- Were you indeed the project director, rather than doing the work yourself?
- Was the project helpful to the religious institution, school, or community group?
- Did the project follow the plan?
- If changes were made, why were they made?

### **Filling Out the Form**

As you plan and carry out your Eagle Scout service project, use these pages to record your plans and progress. Remember that others will be reading these pages. You should print, type, or write legibly. You may remove the staples and add pages if you wish.

## **NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

The National Eagle Scout Association was created in 1972 with the express purpose of bringing together Eagle Scouts of all ages so that they may be of greater service to themselves, their local councils, and their communities, thereby conserving and developing the manpower potential represented by those who hold Scouting's highest rank.

When you receive your Eagle badge, you will be eligible for membership in this elite association. You should give it serious consideration. Applications are available from your council service center.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

## Concept

Describe the project you plan to do.

What group will it benefit?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of religious institution, school, or community

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (location)

My project will be of benefit to the group because:

The concept was discussed with my unit leader on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The project concept was discussed with \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number

of \_\_\_\_\_  
Religious institution, school, or community Date

# PLANNING DETAILS

Plan your work by describing the present condition, the method, materials to be used, project helpers, and a time schedule for carrying out. Describe any safety hazards you might face and explain how you will ensure the safety of those carrying out the project.

## Approval Signatures

Project plans approved by	_____	_____
	Religious institution, school, or community	Date
Project plans approved by	_____	_____
	Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor	Date
Project plans approved by	_____	_____
	Unit committee	Date
Project plans approved by	_____	_____
	Council or district advancement committee	Date

**YOU MAY NOW PROCEED TO CARRY OUT YOUR PROJECT.**



# CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT

Keep a record and make notes as your project progresses. Include dates worked, those assisting you and their time spent, and the materials (type and cost), if used.

Dates of actual project work	
	Dates
Dates	Dates

## Notes

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### **Assisted by**

I was assisted by the following Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Explorers, and/or other individuals:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Worked</b>	<b>Hours Worked</b>
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### **Changes**

The original project plans were followed except the following changes (include reasons for change):

Type	Materials (if used)	Cost
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### Time Spent

The amount of time spent should be as adequate as necessary for you to demonstrate your leadership of others (two or more) in planning and carrying out your project.

Total time I spent planning the project \_\_\_\_\_

Total time I spent carrying out the project \_\_\_\_\_

Total time spent by others assisting on the project \_\_\_\_\_

Date project was completed \_\_\_\_\_

The project was started and completed since I received the Life Scout rank and is respectfully submitted for consideration.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This project was planned, developed, and carried out by the candidate.

Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# SUMMARY OF EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT

Complete this page before going to your EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW.

## MESSAGE TO THE DISTRICT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

This page is to be torn out by the District Advancement Committee after the Board of Review and attached to the Eagle Scout Candidate Data Sheet and retained in the district's records.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP HELPED BY MY PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE (S) OF PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HOURS I SPENT PLANNING THE PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HOURS I SPENT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS SPENT BY MY HELPERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SCOUTS/OTHERS WHO ASSISTED: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN YOUR SERVICE PROJECT:

# EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE DATA SHEET

This is to be torn out by the District Advancement Committee after the project approval and retained with the districts advancement records.

EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT IDEA AND PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT ON:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW COMMITTEE: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name

PROJECT TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ACHIEVED LIFE RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

LEADER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

FOLLOW-UP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FOLLOW-UP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE PASSED EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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