

Eagle Rank Requirements



These requirements became effective on January 1, 2010.

These requirements appear in the official Boy Scout Handbook, 12th Edition, which was issued in 2009, but did not take effect until January 1, 2010. If a Scout started work toward a rank before that date using requirements that were current before January 1, 2010, he may complete that rank only using the old requirements. Any progress toward a rank that is begun after January 1, 2010, must use the requirements as they are presented in the Boy Scout Handbook (34622) or in Boy Scout Requirements book (34765)

1. Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship 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 already have), including the following:
 - A. [First Aid](#)
 - B. [Citizenship in the Community](#)
 - C. [Citizenship in the Nation](#)
 - D. [Citizenship in the World](#)
 - E. [Communications](#)
 - F. [Personal Fitness](#)
 - G. [Emergency Preparedness](#) OR [Lifesaving](#)
 - H. [Environmental Science](#)
 - I. [Personal Management](#)
 - J. [Swimming](#) OR [Hiking](#) OR [Cycling](#)
 - K. [Camping](#), and
 - L. [Family Life](#)*

4. While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of 6 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility:

Boy Scout troop.

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- 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,
- junior assistant Scoutmaster,
- chaplain aide,
- instructor,
- Webmaster, or
- Leave No Trace trainer

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. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.

Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.

Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

*** You must choose only one merit badge listed in items (g) and (j). If you have earned more than one of the badges listed in items (g) and (j), choose one and list the remaining badges to make your total of 21.**

Note: All requirements must be completed before a 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. 33088.

If you have a permanent physical or mental disability, you may become an Eagle Scout by qualifying for as many required merit badges as you can and qualifying for alternative merit badges for the rest. If you seek to become an Eagle Scout under this procedure, you must submit

a [special application](#) to your local council service center. Your application must be approved by your council advancement committee **before you can work on alternative merit badges.**

The Alternate requirements are also listed in more detail under [Eagle Scout Rank - Alternate Requirements](#) in the current *Boy Scout Requirements* book. (No. 34765).

*The Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (#512-927)
and the Eagle Scout Application (#512-728) are available from BSA in PDF format.
The forms can be filled in on-line and saved locally.
These can be used by Scouts in lieu of the printed forms.*

*The 2009 edition of the application form **MUST** be used by all Scouts after August 1, 2009. It can be obtained at your local Scout Service Center or by printing the PDF from the NESA web site.*