# General Nash District Life to Eagle

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# Important Resources

- **Guide To Advancement**
- **Guide To Safe Scouting**
- **District Life to Eagle process**

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# Merit Badges

- **First Aid**
- **Citizenship in the Community**
- **Citizenship in the Nation**
- **Citizenship in the World**
- **Citizenship in Society**
- **Communication**
- **Cooking**
- **Personal Fitness**

- **Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving**
- **Environmental Science OR Sustainability**
- **Personal Management**
- **Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling**
- **Camping**
- **Family Life**

PLUS – 7 Additional of your choice

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# 3 Month Merit Badges

## Personal Fitness
Complete & Log a 12 week physical fitness program

## Family Life
Log duties or chores for 3 months

## Personal Management
Track income, expenses, savings for 12 weeks

One after another – at least 36 weeks, 8 months

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## Personal Fitness
Complete & Log a 12 week physical fitness program

## Family Life
Log duties or chores for 3 months

Work concurrently, but log at the same time +/- 14 weeks – 3.5 months

## Personal Management
Track income, expenses, savings for 12 weeks

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# Timeline

| First Class | | | | | Star | | | | | | | Life | | | | | Eagle |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Age 16 and 3 months | 4 Months in Rank 4 Months Leadership | | | | By Age 16 and 8 Months | 6 Months in Rank 6 Months Leadership | | | | | | By age 17 and 3 months | 6 Months in Rank 6 Months Leadership | | | | By 18 |

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# Leadership Requirements

- **STAR: 4 Months in Leadership Position(s)**
- **LIFE: 6 Months in Leadership Position(s)**
- **Eagle: 6 Months in Leadership Position(s)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Patrol Leader | Scribe | Chaplain's Aide |
| SPL | Librarian | Instructor |
| Assistant SPL | Historian | Webmaster |
| Troop Guide | Quartermaster | Outdoor Ethics Guide |
| OA Representative | Bugler* | |
| Den Chief | Jr Asst Scoutmaster | |

*Bugler cannot be used for Eagle Rank positions of responsibility*

*Several Venture Crew or Sea Scout Leadership Positions CAN be used to fulfill position of responsibility requirements.*

*More than one position may be used to fill the requirement for a given rank, as long as the total time adds up to the required time.*

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# The 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 must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.) A 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 Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.

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# Develop Your Project

- **Ideas for Projects**
  - Google – search for eagle projects
  - Start from an organization or group whose work you admire or that is important to you.
    - i.e. your elementary school, local land / trails preservation, Cancer Foundation, your religious institution, etc
    - ASK THEM WHAT THEY NEED!
- **Develop the Project – Work out an approach and start to estimate the size.**
- **Find people who are knowledgeable about the work being done**
- **Give Leadership**

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# SAFE Checklist

- **S**upervision

- **A**ssessment

- **F**itness & Skill

- **E**quipment and Environment

- Guide to Safe Scouting –
We don't expect you to be an expert, but make sure you have someone knowledgeable advising you.
As the leader, you are responsible for safety on your project

# Definitions

- **Beneficiary: The organization or institution that you're doing the work for**

- **Beneficiary Representative: One person, chosen by the beneficiary organization to represent them in discussing and approving the project.**

- **Eagle Project Coach: a Scout leader who will:**
  - Advise you in developing your project
  - Advise you in completing your Project Workbook
  - Advise you in leading the execution of your project
  - Help you to navigate any challenges or issues during the process

# Fundraising Application

- **Required if you will be collecting money or material donations other than from the beneficiary, the candidate, the chartered organization, and the candidate's parents, guardians, or relatives, as well as the unit or individuals in the Scout's unit.**

- **Emphasize that requests for donations or fundraisers are not for "the candidate's Eagle Project", rather the candidate will be soliciting or raising funds "on behalf of the beneficiary for the project".**

- **ANY funds raised or materials donated are the property of the <u>beneficiary,</u> not the unit, Eagle candidate, or charter org.**

- **Unsure?  Start with the Fundraising Application page B of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and the BSA fundraising guidelines.**

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# District Proposal Approval Meeting

- **<u>Complete</u> the <u>Proposal</u> section of the Eagle Project Workbook, <u>and get signatures from the Beneficiary Rep, Scoutmaster (or Crew / Ship Unit Leader) and Unit Committee Chair</u>**

- **Request a project meeting with District Representatives by calling:**
  - Austin Armstrong, (267) 218-1817
  - Jo Anne Strom, (215)272-4155

- **Be Prepared to leave a clear message with your name, unit #, and the reason for the call.**

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# Helpful Tips for your Project Proposal

- Read and understand the requirements for the Eagle Project at the beginning of the Workbook. Then read them again. If you have questions about what is allowed or what is appropriate, further guidance is available from the BSA Guide To Advancement

- Don't leave blanks. If a section or heading does not apply to your project, put "Not applicable".

- Use plenty of pictures. You can put pictures on a separate page (PowerPoint is one easy way to do this). Include captions to describe what you are showing. If you are putting pictures on a separate page, add a note "See attached" in the workbook text box. Label each page of pictures with the section or question being answered in the workbook.

- Drawings, diagrams, maps all can be very effective in showing what you are trying to accomplish. Google Maps or Google Earth can provide aerial photography of a site. If your proposal is 100% clear to us without any additional discussion, that makes it very easy to approve.

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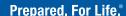# Are you ready for your Project Approval Meeting?

- Does the project meet the guidelines laid down in the Workbook & Guide To Advancement?

- Have you given thought to the level of effort and how long the project will take?

- Have you considered how the project will be funded? Do you understand the BSA fundraising rules for Eagle Projects?

- Have you considered the safety of those working on the project, as well as those using the project in the future.

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# Proposal Approval Meeting

- **Arrive on time, prepared to discuss your project**

- **You are encouraged to wear a full "Class A" uniform. At a minimum you are asked to dress neatly, as though going to a job interview.**

- **You must bring your original paper copy of your Eagle Project Proposal with any supporting documentation pages (pictures, maps, drawings, etc). The Proposal must have signatures for the Project Beneficiary, Unit Leader, and Committee Chair. This document is what we are approving.**

- **At our meeting we will;**

  – Discuss the project, review the work required and the safety considerations

  – Offer advice on proceeding to your Project Plan

  – Review the process for submitting your completed Application and Project Workbook

  – If all is in order, approve and sign your Proposal

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# PROJECT PLAN

- **Start Documenting (ALL!) Hours**
- **Don't skimp on the Project Plan – you're cheating yourself and your volunteers.**

"By Failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." – Benjamin Franklin

# Eagle Application Notes

- **References:** Please note that the requirements for references have changed in late 2024. Four references are asked for.

- **Merit Badges:** Use the first earned merit badges for each part of the requirement. First Earned – First Listed.

- **Position of Responsibility:** More than one position can be used to add up to 6 months requirement.

- **All requirements and and signatures up through Scoutmaster (Unit Leader) conference must be completed no later than the 18th birthday.**

- **Write a personal essay describing your ambitions and plans for the future. Include a list of any honors, recognitions, awards , or leadership roles you have held OUTSIDE of Scouting.**

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# Submitting Your Application Gather Your Documents

- **Eagle Application (use the latest form from Scouting America filestore!)**

- **Advancement Report (from your SM, Committee Chair or Advancement Chair)**

- **Eagle Project workbook (3 sections)**

- **Personal Essay & Leadership / Awards**


- **ALL REQUIREMENTS up to and including Unit Leader (Scoutmaster) Conference must be complete before age 18**

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# Submit Your Application

- **PDF <u>all </u>of your application documents.  Save files named as "Lastname Firstname Unit# (document).pdf**
  - For example, Smith Jane T123 Application.pdf
- **Send PDFs electronically to Council by either method:**
  - Email to Emily Fredericks (<u>Emily.Frederick@Scouting.org</u>) and cc Dave Arnold (<u>David.Arnold1@Siemens.com</u>)
    - <u>OR</u>
  - Upload to the Council Google Drive at <u>https://forms.gle/tjhZjnAens25HqXn6</u>

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# Hardcopy Application

- **In Addition To the electronic submission:**
  - Make 3 copies of your entire application package. Copies can be black and white, and should be held together with a binder clip.

- **Turn over your ORIGINAL application package (all documents) and the three copies to your unit leader.**

- **Unit Leader or designee will deliver the original application package, 3 copies AND your Letters of Reference to Dave Arnold.**

- **Once Mr Arnold has an "Ok" from Council that they have reviewed your application, AND he has the hardcopies, he will reach out to schedule your board of review.**

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# Board of Review

- Most Boards of review are scheduled within 2 weeks of Council's approval and hardcopies being delivered to Mr Arnold.

- You will be contacted to schedule your board of review using the information on your application. Please make sure that is a good way to get ahold of you!

- Arrive promptly, full Class A uniform is strongly encouraged.

- Choose a "sponsor" to come with you to the Board; they will introduce you to the board.

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# Accommodations, Substitutions, Time Extensions

- **Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility; allows a scout with developmental or cognitive challenges to remain a youth participant beyond the age of 18.**

- **Accommodations / modifications to rank requirements Scout – First Class (*With Council Approval*)**

- **Rank Requirements Star – Eagle must be met "as written"**

- **Alternate Merit Badges can be substituted with Council Approval**

**Read the Guide to Advancment, section 10, and contact the Council Special Needs Committee for advice and process**

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# THANK YOU!

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