



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

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MeritBadge.Org's **Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project** page combines Boy Scout Requirements, Project Workbook (<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927.pdf>) , Advancement Policies and Handbook requirements into the Eagle Project Checklist . Also see the Sample Eagle Project Ideas  and Eagle Scout Rank.

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Checklist

There are four *different* sources for the **Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project** requirements:


1. Boy Scout Requirements
2. Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927.pdf>)
3. Advancement Policies #33088
4. Boy Scout Handbook

Unfortunately no two of these list exactly the same requirements. So how do you know which requirements to follow?

The Eagle Project Checklist combines all of the requirements onto one page. Where there are differences, it uses the wording from the more important source:



The Eagle Project Plan Checklist.pdf  compiles all 27 Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project requirements from four different sources into a single page.

Also see the Sample Eagle Project Ideas  for 100 ideas on one page. *"The Scout must secure the prior approval of his unit leader, his unit committee, and the benefactor of the project."*

Requirement



The official source for the information shown in this article or section is:
Boy Scout Requirements, 2010 Edition (BSA Supply No. 33216)

“ 5. 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, BSA Publication No. 18-927E, in meeting this requirement.

— Boy Scout Requirements, p. 17

Boy Scout Requirements, pp. 20-21

While a Life Scout, a Scout must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project to any religious institution, school, or community.

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

The Eagle service project is an individual matter; therefore, two Eagle candidates may not receive credit for the same project.

Eagle Scout leadership service projects involving council property or other BSA activities are not acceptable for an Eagle service project. The service project also may not be performed for a business, be of a commercial nature, or be a fund-raiser.

Routine labor, or a job or service normally rendered, should not be considered. An Eagle service project should be of significant magnitude to be special and should represent the candidate's best possible effort.

The Scout must submit his proposed project plan and secure the prior approval of his unit leader, unit committee, and district or council advancement committee, and the organization benefiting from the effort, to make sure that it meets the stated standards for Eagle Scout leadership service projects before the project is started. This preapproval of the project does not mean that the board of review will accept the way the project was carried out.

Upon completion of the project, a detailed report must be submitted with the Scout's Eagle application to include the following information:

- What was the project?
- How did it benefit others?
- Who from the group benefiting from the project gave guidance?
- Who helped carry out the project?
- What materials were used and how were they acquired?

Although the project plan must be approved before work is begun, the board of review must determine if the project was successfully carried out. Questions that must be answered are:

- Did the candidate demonstrate leadership of others?
- Did he indeed direct the project rather than do all of the work himself?
- Was the project of real value to the religious institution, school, or community group?
- Who from the group benefiting from the project may be contacted to verify the value of the project?
- Did the project follow the plan, or were modifications needed to bring it to its completion?

All the work on the project must be done while the candidate is a Life Scout and before the candidate's 18th birthday.

The variety of projects performed throughout the nation by Scouts earning their Eagle Scout Award is staggering. Only those living in an area can determine the greatest value and need for that area. Determine, therefore, whether the project is big enough, appropriate, and worth doing. For ideas and opportunities, the Scout can consult people such as school administrators, religious leaders, local government department directors, or a United Way agency's personnel.

Advancement Policies



The official source for the information shown in this article or section is:
Advancement Committee Policies & Procedures, October, 2009 Edition (BSA Supply No. 33088)

“No council, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to or subtract from any advancement requirement.” ”

— Advancement Policies #33088, page 23

(The following are quoted from: Advancement Policies #33088, page 27-28)

"For a service project to qualify as an Eagle Scout service project, the Scout, 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 Scout 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 its completion."

Revised in 2008

Eagle Scout projects should be about service to others. Guidelines to follow include:

- *An Eagle Scout project involving council property or other BSA activities is not acceptable.*
- *An Eagle Scout project may not be performed for a business.*
- *An Eagle Scout project may not be of a commercial nature.*
- *An Eagle Scout project may not be a fund-raiser.*
- *Fund-raising is permitted only for securing materials needed to carry out the project.*
- *Donors to Eagle Scout projects must be made aware of what entity is benefiting from the project, and that it clearly is not the Boy Scouts of America.*
- *Any funds raised for an Eagle Scout project that are not used for the purchase of project materials must be returned to the donor.*

"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 for the Scout to clearly demonstrate leadership skills."

The most current Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, must be used to meet this requirement.

"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 standards 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."

"Upon completion of the project, the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, properly filled out, is submitted with the Scout's Eagle application to include the following information:"

- *What was the project?*
- *How did it benefit others?*
- *Who from the group benefiting from the project gave guidance?*

- *Who helped carry out the project?*
- *What materials were used and how were they acquired?*

"Although the project idea must be approved before work is begun, the board of review must determine the manner in which the project was carried out. Questions that must be addressed include:"

- *Did the candidate demonstrate leadership of others?*
- *Did he indeed direct the project rather than do all the work himself?*
- *Was the project of real value to the religious institution, school, or community group?*
- *Who from the group benefiting from the project may be contacted to verify the value of the project?*
- *Did the project follow the approved plan or were modifications needed to bring it to its completion?*

"All the work on the project must be done while the candidate is a Life Scout and before the candidate's 18th birthday, unless a time extension has been allowed (see the section titled "Time Extensions")."

"The Eagle Scout service project is an individual matter; therefore, two Eagle Scout candidates may not receive credit for working on the same project."

"The variety of service projects performed throughout the nation by Scouts earning their Eagle Award is staggering. For ideas and opportunities regarding service projects, the Scout can consult people such as school administrators, religious leaders, local government department directors, or a United Way agency's personnel."

"The district or council advancement committee also can be helpful by identifying possible projects."

Examples

From the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook No. 512-927 (2009 Printing)
(<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927.pdf>)

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

- Made trays to fasten to wheelchairs for veterans with disabilities at a Veterans Administration hospital.
- Collected used books and distributed them to people in the community who wanted and needed, but could not afford, books.
- Built 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 children with disabilities.
- Organized and operated a bicycle safety campaign. This involved a written safety test, equipment safety check, and a skills 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 help run it.
- Set up a community study center for children who needed a place to do schoolwork.
- Trained fellow students as audiovisual aides for their school. Arranged for more than 200 hours of audiovisual work.
- Prepared plans for a footbridge on a trail in a national forest. Worked with rangers to learn the skills necessary to build the structure, gathered materials and tools, and then directed a Scout work group to do the construction.



History

Here is the history of changes to the Eagle Scout Service Project requirement. For other BSA history see the Boy Scouts of America Historical Highlights.

- Prior to 1952 – There was no Eagle Scout Service requirement.
- 1952 – "Do your best to help in your home, school, church and community."
- 1961 – "Do your best to help in your home, school, church **or synagogue**, and community."

- 1965 – "3. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and carry out a service project helpful to your church or synagogue, school, or community approved in advance by your Scoutmaster."
- 1972 – "4. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and carry out a service project helpful to your religious institution, school, or town. This project must be approved by your Scoutmaster and troop committee before you start."
- 1994 – "5. 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. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook in meeting this requirement."
- 1999 – "5. 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, BSA Publication No. 18-927, in meeting this requirement."
- 2002 – "5. ... You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, BSA Publication No. 18-927B, in meeting this requirement."
- 2003 – "5. ... You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, BSA Publication No. 18-927C, in meeting this requirement."
- 2004 – "5. ... You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, BSA Publication No. 18-927D, in meeting this requirement."
- 2008 – "5. ... You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, BSA Publication No. 18-927E, in meeting this requirement."
- 2009 – "5. ... You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, BSA Publication No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement."

References

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- Sample Eagle Project Ideas  - with 100 ideas on one page. *"The Scout must secure the prior approval of his unit leader, his unit committee, and the benefactor of the project."*
- Boy Scout Requirements
- Advancement Policies #33088
- Trail To Eagle (<http://www.nesa.org/trail/index.html>) — official BSA web site
 - Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927 (<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927.pdf>) (2009 Printing)
 - Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 512-728 (http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_web.pdf) (2009 Printing)
- Service Projects
- Eagle Scout Rank
- Quartermaster Award
- Eagle Project Ideas (<http://www.scoutorama.com/project/>) More (<http://www.eaglescout.org/project/select.html>) - Still More (http://www.buckskin.org/Resources/Boy_Scouts/Eagle_Scout_Project_Ideas.htm) - Even more (<http://www.armadillodistrict.org/content/view/136/46/>)

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