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Daniel Webster Council

A MESSAGE FROM THE DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

Dear New Life Scout,

Congratulations on having earned the rank of Life Scout! Now you have an opportunity to become an Eagle Scout, an honor you will carry with you throughout your life. Getting there requires work and determination on your part. Are you up for the challenge?

Please read this letter, its attachments, and the referenced webpages carefully: They contain instructions and tools that will help make your Trail to Eagle go smoothly. Share them with your parents, unit leader, and anyone else who will guide you along the way.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout you must complete seven requirements which can be found in your Scout Handbook and at scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-Eagle-rank.pdf. These requirements take real time to complete, so carefully consider how you will use your time to complete all of them **before** your 18th birthday. As you get started, talk with your unit leader about what requirement 1 and all parts of requirement 2 mean, to avoid any misunderstandings later.

One of the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout is to *plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community*. The selection of a suitable Eagle Scout service project involves a few critical steps which are outlined in Attachment 1. Please follow these guidelines closely; they are provided to help you to be successful in completing this requirement.

Visit nhscouting.org/advancement/eagle-scout/ and spend some time reading and understanding the information there and in the relevant subpages. To the extent you follow them, you will find the path to Eagle Scout easier.

I hope to see your name soon among the new Eagle Scouts in Daniel Webster Council. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact

- your unit leader,
- your Eagle project coach,
- your District Advancement Chair nhscouting.org/advancement/contact-the-advancement-committee/,
- your District Eagle Board Chair nhscouting.org/advancement/board-of-review/, or
- me.

Yours in Scouting,



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Attachments:

- 1 – Guidelines for Your Eagle Scout Service Project
- 2 – Policy Regarding Fundraising for Eagle Projects
- 3 – Guidelines for the Eagle Scout Application Process

Attachment 1

Daniel Webster Council Guidelines for Your Eagle Scout Service Project

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The following guidelines will help you to prepare your Eagle Scout Service Project proposal.

1. You may begin work on your Eagle Scout Service Project proposal only after you earn the Life rank – not before then.
2. You **must** use and follow the official *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook* in all aspects of your project, from the proposal to the final report. The instructions and forms in the workbook will assist you in planning and developing your project. Download your copy of the *Workbook* in fillable-pdf format from scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/. Be sure to download the workbook directly from scouting.org. Be sure you are using the latest version of the workbook¹ when starting your project, and then continue to use that version through the completion of the project. Do not use a copy of the workbook from another Eagle Scout candidate or recent Eagle Scout. Read the Workbook cover-to-cover.
3. From the very beginning and through to the end, remember **this is your project**: Not the beneficiary's, not your parents' or guardian's, not your unit leader's, not your coach's or advisor's – yours.
4. The service project must
 - Be performed after you become a Life Scout.
 - Provide service to an approved beneficiary.
 - Benefit more than one person or family.²
 - Demonstrate **planning, development, and leadership of others.**
 - Be free of safety and liability issues (See
 - filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-027.pdf and
 - <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-028.pdf>).
5. - While fundraising essential to the success of the project may be done as part of the project, the project must not be exclusively or primarily a fundraiser.
6. Keep track of all the time you and others who assist you spend on the project from the time you begin to develop the proposal until the final report is complete.
7. Keep track of all funds received and spent, and document the disposition of any leftover funds.
8. Ask your Unit Leader to assign an Eagle Coach, or to approve someone you request. This person is a registered adult (other than a parent or guardian, and approved by your unit), who will work closely with you, providing guidance as you progress. You may also engage "subject matter experts" as needed for specific skills on your project.
9. Discuss project ideas with your Eagle Coach. This discussion will allow you to select a project that will meet the requirement. Contact potential beneficiary organizations to develop these ideas and ensure they are consistent with the proposed beneficiary's needs.
10. Complete the *Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal* section of the ***Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook***. Make a printed copy. Sign it yourself and get three other signatures on the last page of this section.
11. **You must contact your District Eagle Board** nhscouting.org/advancement/eagle-board/ to schedule a time to present your project proposal for their review. **You must NOT begin your Eagle service project, including fundraising, until after you have received signed approval of your proposal from your District Eagle Board** (the fifth signature).³
12. After your proposal is approved by your District Eagle Board, you may begin further planning, development, and execution of your project. The *Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan* section of your workbook is an excellent resource for planning your project. Remember that one purpose of this project is to demonstrate leadership of others; think about how you will do this as you plan your project.
13. Contact your District Eagle Board about any changes to your project after your proposal is approved.
14. The final step of your project is to complete the Eagle Scout Service Project Report section of the workbook, leaving no blanks, and get the required signatures. This and all other Eagle requirements except the Board of Review must be completed before you turn 18.
15. Here are some sources of ideas for Eagle projects:
 - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/category/eagle-project-before-and-after/>
 - <https://nesa.org/resources/trail-to-eagle/project-idea-generator/>
 - <https://eagleprojects.scoutlife.org/>

¹ The workbook has changed multiple times in each of the last few years.

² Except in rare circumstances. Read your workbook and check with your District Eagle Board before proceeding too far with such a project proposal.

³ Starting too early may mean you will be required to start over with a new project.

Attachment 2

Daniel Webster Council Policy Regarding Fundraising for Eagle Projects

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Scouts who need to raise funds for their Eagle Scout Service Project must adhere to the rules and guidelines specified in the “Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising” on page “Fundraising Application Page B” in the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*. Regarding point 7 on this page, Daniel Webster Council does not allow an exception for Eagle Scout service projects.

While Scouts may ask for donations of and/or discounts on materials, tools, supplies, and/or services for their project, **Scouts may not ask for money**. Scouts shall not propose, and District Eagle Boards shall not approve, Eagle projects that use systems, platforms, or activities, electronic or otherwise, to solicit money. However, Scouts may accept unsolicited donations of money, e.g. from citizens who become aware of the project and of their own accord ask whether and how they can donate cash to the project.

Regarding point 8 on “Fundraising Application Page B”, Daniel Webster Council does not have an exception for low dollar value or specific types of fundraisers.

Eagle Candidates must make clear at fundraising events (e.g. on flyers or posters) that funds are being raised for the beneficiary, and not to benefit the scout; the scout’s Troop, Crew, or Ship; District, Daniel Webster Council; or Scouting America.

Here is the relevant excerpt from the “CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA,” Sept 28, 2023 (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/about/Charter_Bylaws_NEB_Approved_09_2023.pdf) , Article XI Section 1 page 18 (emphasis added) on which the above policy is based:

Contributions

*Clause 2. **Youth members shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors of money** for chartered organizations, for the local council, for the National Council, for corporate sponsors, or **in support of other organizations**. Adult leaders and youth members shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors in support of personal or unit participation in local, national, or international events.*

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*Clause 3. **Youth members may sell products as part of an approved fundraising project if (i) the nature of the product is consistent with the values and purpose of the Corporation; (ii) the value of the product is commensurate with the price at which it is offered; and (iii) it is in accordance with the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Corporation. Furthermore, any product that is sold or offered for sale as part of an approved fundraising project and bears any emblems, logos, brands, or other designating marks associated with the Boy Scouts of America must be manufactured by a BSA licensee authorized by the Corporation to use such designating marks in that manner on those specific products. **No youth member shall engage in such sales of products for more than 12 total weeks during any one 12-month period.*****

Attachment 3

Daniel Webster Council Guidelines for the Eagle Scout Application Process

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1. After you have completed all requirements except the Board of Review, submit the following via the online portal, nhscouting.org/advancement/eagle-scout/submit-eagle-application/:
 - a. Your Eagle Scout Application scouting.org/resources/forms/,
 - b. your “statement of ambitions and life purpose” (more than 1 paragraph, less than 1 page; .pdf (preferred), .doc, .docx, or google doc format), and
 - c. the completed final report section of your Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.Be sure your application is complete, and everything you submit is clearly legible. (Photographs of printed pages are often not sufficiently legible, causing extra delays in the process, and extra work for the staff and volunteers supporting you.) If necessary, you may submit your original electronically completed application plus a scanned or photographed copy of the application with signatures. Be sure to keep copies of anything that you submit. Whenever possible submit your application before you turn 18. (Note: Your Eagle Board of Review does **not** need to be completed before your 18th birthday.)
2. Your application will be validated by DWC staff, after which it will be forwarded to your District Eagle Board. This may take a few weeks to complete.
3. Your District Eagle Board will contact you to schedule your Eagle Board of Review. Depending on the Board’s schedule, it may take a few weeks to schedule your Board of Review.
4. Bring your **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook**, including **both the approved project proposal and the final report, both** with signatures, to your Board of Review (unless you have been instructed otherwise by your District Eagle Board). Your District Eagle Board will notify you if additional copies and/or other materials are required for this meeting. Some before, during, and after pictures of your project are always appreciated.
5. Wear your uniform⁴ and arrive early to your Eagle Board of Review with an adult escort of your choice (other than a relative), typically your unit leader or Eagle Project Coach/advisor; some Districts allow both unit leader and Eagle coach/advisor while others allow just one escort. Others (e.g. family, other scouts) may accompany you to the meeting and wait outside the Board of Review meeting room.
6. After you complete your Board of Review, your application will be sent from the District to the Daniel Webster Council office, to the National office. Your credentials will be sent from there to the Daniel Webster Council office, and from there to your home address. This may take a couple of weeks or up to 3 months; there is no way to predict how long it will take in any case. Consider this when planning an Eagle Court of Honor.

⁴ Wear as complete a uniform as you own, being sure it is neat and clean; do not buy a uniform just for the Board of Review.