

Time extension for completing Eagle rank requirements

Effective January 1, 2021, Councils have authority to grant extensions for Eagle for up to 6 months beyond a Scout's 18th birthday. Extension requests beyond 6 months are handled by National-BSA (use BSA form 512-077a). Extension requests should be filed before the Scout turns 18, and if not, the reason for the delay must be stated.

If a youth foresees that, due to no fault or choice of his/her own, he/she is unable to complete the Eagle Scout rank requirements before age 18, he/she may apply for a limited time extension. See *Guide to Advancement*, Section 9.0.4.0, "Time Extensions". Extensions are rarely granted and reserved only for work on Eagle. When a time extension is requested, the Scout should continue working on the requirements as processing occurs. In most cases, for a request to be considered, the following three tests must be met.

Test #1:

The member joined or rejoined (or became active again after a period of inactivity or became refocused on advancement after a period of inattention) in time to complete all requirements before turning 18.

Test #2:

Through no fault or choice of the Scout, an unforeseen circumstance or life-changing event with severe consequences have come to exist that now precludes completion of the requirements before the deadline.

Examples might include, but are not limited to, a hospital stay, disabling injury, significant personal or family incident or issue, natural disaster, severe unseasonable weather, or the actions of others (see below, "Misinformation from adults in positions of authority"). If the circumstance is health related, it should have been unforeseen and of recent onset, or a complication or intensification of an ongoing issue.

Test #3:

The circumstance is beyond the control of the Scout, could not have been anticipated or planned for, and did not or cannot be resolved in time to complete the requirements.

The list above is meant to give an idea of how requests for time extensions are evaluated. They are not precise tests. Each case is considered individually.

Process for Submitting an Extension Request

Fill out the Application for Extension for Eagle Scout (Form 512-077), which is available in the Advancement section, on the Life-to-Eagle Forms page, at nhscouting.org. Scan and e-mail your request letter, the form and any supporting documentation to Skip.Chase@scouting.org or it may be mailed to:

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