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The Trail to Eagle Check-List can be very helpful for everyone involved.
This can be found:
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Eagle Rank Application

Requirement	Reference
Complete all requirements	9.0.1.1
Service project workbook	9.0.1.2
Complete application	9.0.1.3
Obtain signatures	9.0.1.4
Submit application	9.0.1.5
Application verified/BOR	9.0.1.6
References contacted	9.0.1.7
BOR returns app to council	9.0.1.8
Council sends to national	9.0.1.9
National returns credentials	9.0.1.10

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Eagle Scout Service Project

9.0.2.0

"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 Scoutmaster 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."

– Eagle Scout requirement 5

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Eagle Candidate Expectations

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- The review should be helpful, friendly, courteous, and kind-hearted.

- A parent or guardian, unit leader, or other adult may observe the proposal discussion if the Scout chooses.

- Proposal expectations must match requirement 5.

- No more may be required than the workbook describes.

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Eagle Candidate Expectations

9.0.2.1

- A written explanation must be given for proposal rejection, outlining suggestions to achieve approval.

- Guidance should be provided that will maximize the Scout's opportunity for success.

- A method of redress must be provided for the Scout who disagrees.

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"While a Life Scout…"
9.0.2.2

The Eagle Scout service project, including planning, begins *after* the Life Scout board of review.

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"Plan, Develop…"
9.0.2.3

- Planning and development requires forethought.

- Detailed planning takes place after the proposal is approved.

- Do not categorically reject a proposal without careful consideration.

- Consider the proposal's complexity and its opportunity to demonstrate planning, development, and leadership.

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"Give Leadership to Others…"
9.0.2.4

- "Others" means at least two people besides the Scout.

- Helpers may be BSA members or not, but should be age-appropriate for the project.

- Each project is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- There are no minimum requirements or expectations.

- Each project is an individual experience.

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"Helpful to Any Religious Institution, Any School, or Your Community"
9.0.2.5

- Any religious institution or any school.

- "Your community."
  - Local, state, national, international.
  - Normally, not conducted for individuals.
  - A needy individual whose circumstances impact the community may be considered.

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"Helpful to Any Religious Institution, Any School, or Your Community"
9.0.2.5

- The project beneficiary need not be a registered nonprofit.

- The project may not be commercial in nature.

- Test: The project primarily benefits the community.

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"Benefiting an Organization Other Than the Boy Scouts of America"
9.0.2.6

- The project beneficiary must *NOT* be the BSA.

- Beneficiaries may include:

  - Unit's chartered organization

  - Other youth-serving organizations

  - Schools and churches

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"Proposal Must Be Approved ...Before You Start"
9.0.2.7

- It is just an overview, it is the beginning of planning.

- Shows that the following tests can be met:
  - Will likely meet requirement.
  - Is feasible.
  - Safety issues will be addressed.
  - Outlines action steps.
  - Places Scout on track for a positive experience.

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Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
9.0.2.8

- The official workbook is required.

- Use of the workbook nearly ensures success:
  - Shows approvals obtained.
  - Lists important limitations.
  - Suggests questions.
  - Includes an outline for the project proposal, a more detailed project plan, and a project report.

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Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
9.0.2.8

- Use only the official workbook – no changes or additions to the workbook are authorized.

- An incomplete workbook is not the basis for project rejection.

- The proposal and project report should be completed.

- Completion of the project plan is strongly encouraged, but not required.

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How To Use the Workbook
9.0.2.8
Read everything first:
- Introductory information

- Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians

- The Project Proposal

- The Project Plan

- Fundraising Application

- The Project Report

- Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project

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Scouters – Guiding Life Scouts to Eagle
High Honor
- This is both a joy and privilege to helps scouts earn their Eagle rank!
- Prepare them well (EDGE)
- It's their path, their time-line and their project
- Make the project count to impact the community showing scouts serve with character!
- Paperwork needs to be completed before submitted: Signatures and beneficiary pages.

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Eagle Scout Service Project Coach
9.0.2.9

- Coaches are highly recommended, but not required.

- The council determines how the coach is selected and assigned.

- A coach's greatest value:
  - Providing advice AFTER the proposal is approved.
  - Guiding the Scout during project planning and execution.
  - Evaluating and discussing the plan's strengths, weaknesses, and risks.

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Eagle Scout Service Project Coach
9.0.2.9

- Project coach does not manage.

- Has no authority to change the project.

- Has no authority to withdraw approval of the project proposal.

- The coach provides value in assisting the Scout in completing requirement 5.

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Fundraising
9.0.2.10

- The project may not be a fundraiser.

- Fundraising is only needed for funding the project.

- Funds may be used only to secure materials and supplies to facilitate the project.

- Submit application to the local council.

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Fundraising
9.0.2.10

No council approval is needed when funds come from:
- The project beneficiary.

- The Eagle candidate, their parents or guardian, or relatives.

- The Eagle candidate's unit or chartered organization.

- Parents or members of the Eagle candidate's unit.

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Fundraising
9.0.2.10
- Donations are for the project beneficiary, not the BSA.

- Donation documentation is provided by the project beneficiary.

- Money must be deposited in a unit or beneficiary account.

- Leftover funds are retained by the project beneficiary – or, if held by unit, released to the beneficiary.

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Eagle Scout Service Project
Fundraising Application

Before completing this application, it is important to read the "Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising." It can be found at the back of this application. Once completed, you must obtain approval from the project beneficiary and your unit leader, and then submit the fundraising application to your council service center at least two weeks in advance of your fundraising efforts. You will be contacted if it cannot be approved or if adjustments must be made. Use this form, not the Unit Money Earning Application.

Eagle Scout Candidate

Name:		Preferred phone Nos.:		
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Email address:				
Check one: ☐ Troop ☐ Team ☐ Crew ☐ Ship		Unit No.		
District name:		Council name:		

Project Beneficiary (Name of religious institution, school, or community)

Name:		Preferred phone Nos.:		
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Email address:				

Project Beneficiary Representative (Name of contact for the project beneficiary)

Name:		Preferred phone Nos.:		
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Email address:				

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Routine Labor
9.0.2.11
- "Routine labor" is not normally considered appropriate for a project.

- "Routine labor" defined:
  - Job or service that is part of Scout's daily life.
  - Routine maintenance.

- The test is scale and impact.

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Common Misconceptions
9.0.2.12

- No minimum number of hours is required.

- Only one candidate may receive credit for working on the same project.

- The project need not have lasting value.

- Note: ***The Project should be both a benefit to the community and something the scout will be proud of for years to come!***

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Evaluating the Project
9.0.2.13

Evaluate impact:
- Benefit to school, religious institution, or community

- Leadership provided

Planning and development evidenced:
- Do not require more planning than necessary.

- Planning should not overshadow the project.

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Evaluating the Project
9.0.2.13

- The unit leader or project beneficiary may choose to not approve the project if service or impact is deemed insufficient.
  - Candidate may be requested to do more work.
  - Candidate may be requested to start over.

- Candidate's options:
  - Comply with request.
  - Decline request and submit application without final approval.

- Must be given a board of review if requested.

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Evaluating the Project
9.0.2.13

Board of review should approve if:
- The proposal was approved.
- Planning/development was adequate.
- The project was well-led and carried out to the satisfaction of the unit and project beneficiary.

Rejection is very rare.
- Requirement 5 as written was clearly not satisfied.
- Project approval may NEVER be withheld for reasons unrelated to the project.

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Time Extension for Earning Eagle
9.0.4.0

- Apply to national through council advancement committee if cannot complete by age 18.

- A sample of the form is found in the *Guide to Advancement.*

- Approval is granted only by the National Advancement Program Team.

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Time Extension for Earning Eagle
9.0.4.0

To qualify:
- Must have joined, rejoined, or become active again so all requirements were able to be completed before age 18.

- A circumstance precludes completion before the deadline:
  - Beyond control of the youth.
  - Severe and not the norm in the Scout's life.
  - Could not have been planned or anticipated.

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Extension Request
9.0.4.1

Council advancement committee's role:

- Research the request.
- Collect evidence.
- Reach a decision.
- Inform the scout.

Time is of the essence.

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The Eagle Scout Service Project
Guide to Advancement Section 9

National Advancement Program Team

Expiration Date
This presentation is not to be used after January 31, 2023.
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The Eagle Scout Service Project
GTA 9.0.2.0

- ♣ Proposing, conducting and reporting on projects should be a positive experience for the Scout.

- ♣ The focus and energy for the project is meaningful service while practicing leadership skills.

- ♣ Administrative issues are merely supportive of this meaningful service.

- ♣ Only one Eagle Scout candidate receives credit.

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The Eagle Scout Service Project
What an Eagle Scout Candidate Should Expect
GTA 9.0.2.1

- ♣ Questioning shall be conducted in a *helpful, friendly, courteous* and *kind-hearted* manner.

- ♣ A parent or other observer may be present during reviews.

- ♣ Project expectations are stated in Eagle Scout Requirement 5.

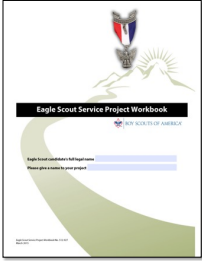- ♣ If requested, a written explanation must be given for any proposal rejection.

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The Eagle Scout Service Project
What an Eagle Scout Candidate Should Expect

- ♣ Guidance should be readily available.

- ♣ If a candidate believes they have been mistreated or the proposal was wrongfully rejected, they will be provided a method of redress.
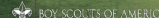
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Eagle Scout Service Project
Eagle Scout Requirement 5
GTA 9.0.2.2 – 9.0.2.4

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- ♣ A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, the unit leader, the unit committee, and the council or district before a Scout starts.

- ♣ A Scout must use the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.

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Eagle Scout Service Project
Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ♣ **"While a Life Scout…"**
  Work on the project, including planning, begins after the Life Scout Board of Review. (9.0.2.2)

- ♣ **"Plan, Develop…"**
  Planning and development are detailed once a project proposal is approved. (9.0.2.3)

- ♣ **A proposal is different from a plan.**

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Eagle Scout Service Project
Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ♣ "**Give Leadership to Others…"**
  "Others" means at least two people besides the Scout. (9.0.2.4)

- ♣ Each project must be evaluated case by case on its impact to the benefiting organization and on lessons that will advance the candidate's growth. (9.0.2.4)

- ♣ Councils, districts and units shall not establish requirements for the number of people led, or their makeup, or for the time worked on a project. (9.0.2.4)

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Eagle Scout Service Project
Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ♣ **"Helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community."** (9.0.2.5)

  - • "Your community" can mean the world community. A council may emphasize more local efforts but should not deny worthy projects of a wider scope.

  - • Scenarios where an individual in need can affect a community may be considered.

- ♣ **"Benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America".** (9.0.2.6)

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Eagle Scout Service Project
Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ♣ **"Proposal must be approved…before you start"** (9.0.2.7)

- ♣ Five Tests of an Acceptable Eagle Scout Service Project:
  1. Sufficient opportunity to meet the requirement.
  2. Appears to be feasible.
  3. Safety issues will be addressed.
  4. Action steps for further detailed planning are included.
  5. The Scout has a reasonable chance for a positive experience.

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Eagle Scout Project Workbook
GTA 9.0.2.8

- ♣ The workbook cannot be modified.
- ♣ If properly used, the workbook very nearly assures success.
- ♣ Should not be used as a source for rejecting candidates based on "technicalities".
- ♣ Write-ups and signatures are simply supportive.
- ♣ Keeps the Scout on the right track with a reasonable chance for success and a positive experience.
- ♣ The official document as produced by the Boy Scouts of America must be used. www.scouting.org/advancement.

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Eagle Scout Service Project Coach
GTA 9.0.2.9

- ♣ Coaches must be registered with the BSA, in any position and be current in BSA Youth Protection training.
- ♣ A project coach is not required but highly recommended.
- ♣ Using a project coach is the Scout's decision.
- ♣ Coaches work in an advisory capacity.
- ♣ Coaches do not have the authority to dictate changes or withdraw approval.

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Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising
GTA 9.0.2.10

* Projects themselves may not be fundraisers.
* Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials and otherwise facilitating the project.
* Fundraising must be approved by the council unless funds are derived only from contributions by the beneficiary, the candidate, their relatives, the unit, its chartered organization, or from parents or members of the unit.
* Procedures and limitations for Eagle Scout service project fundraising can be found on the back of the fundraising application, inside the workbook.

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Evaluating the Project After Completion
GTA 9.0.2.13

* Completed projects must be evaluated on impact – the extent of benefit to the benefiting organization and on the leadership provided.
* There must be evidence of planning and development.
* There may be cases where the unit leader or beneficiary choose not to approve the project.
* Sometimes a project is not completed as planned.

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Risk Management and the Project
GTA 9.0.2.14

* All Eagle Scout service projects constitute official Scouting activity and are considered part of a unit's program.
* The health and safety of those working on Eagle projects must be incorporated into project execution. This is an adult responsibility.
* The *SAFE Project Tool Use* and the *Guide to Safe Scouting* should be consulted during project planning.

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For More Information

* *Guide to Advancement*
* www.Scouting.org/advancement
* *Eagle Scout Rank Application*
* *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.*
* If you have questions, district and council advancement administrators first, then: Advancement.team@scouting.org

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