Life to Eagle Seminar

presented by:
Mayflower Council
Advancement Committee
Purpose of This Seminar

✓ Review the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank
✓ Review the Eagle Scout Service Project requirements
✓ Review the Eagle Scout rank application and supporting documents
✓ Explain the procedures used in Mayflower Council
The Eagle Scout Requirements

1. Be active for six (6) months as a Life Scout
2. Live by the Scout Oath and Law
3. Earn at least 21 Merit Badges, including 13 Eagle-required badges
4. Hold a position of responsibility for a period of 6 months while a Life Scout
5. Complete an Eagle Scout Service Project
6. Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference
7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review
The Age Requirement

All Eagle Scout rank requirements, except the Eagle board of review, must be completed by the Scout’s 18th birthday.

*Note: the Eagle Scout rank application form need not be completed or submitted to Mayflower Council before the 18th birthday, but delays can be “troublesome”.*
Requirement #1

Be active in your Unit for a period of at least six (6) months while a Life Scout.

A Life Scout is “active” if he:

• is registered with the BSA
• is a member in good standing with his Unit and Council
• meets the reasonable expectations of his Unit

The six (6) month period, need not be consecutive.
Requirement #2

As a Life Scout, demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

• How have you done your duty to God
• How have you lived the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life
• How will your understanding of the Scout Oath and Law guide your life in the future
Requirement #3

Earn a total of 21 Merit Badges, including:

1. First Aid
2. Citizenship in the Community
3. Citizenship in the Nation
4. Citizenship in the World
5. Communications
6. Cooking
7. Personal Fitness
8. Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
9. Environmental Science or Sustainability
10. Personal Management
11. Swimming or Hiking or Cycling
12. Camping
13. Family Life
Requirement #4

While a Life Scout, serve actively in your Unit for six (6) months in one or more qualified positions of responsibility.
Requirement #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.
Requirement #6

While a Life Scout, participate in a Scoutmaster Conference.
Requirement #7

Successfully complete a board of review for the Eagle Scout rank.

✓ The board of review is the final step, conducted only after all other requirements have been completed.

✓ The review panel consists of 3 to 6 members, is chaired by a District advancement committee member, and includes an adult representative of the candidate’s Unit.

✓ Decisions of the panel must be unanimous.
Eagle Scout Service Project

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

✓ The project must be planned, developed, and led while a Life Scout.

✓ The project must be helpful to any religious institution, school, or the community.

✓ The project must provide the Life Scout with experience leading others.

✓ A proposal must be approved by the project beneficiary, Scoutmaster, Unit committee, and District advancement chair before work is started.

✓ The project must be documented in the current version of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.
The Project Proposal

✔ Download the current version of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook using the link provided at www.mayflowerbsa.org (<Programs><Advancement>). This is a fillable pdf.

✔ From the same website, review and print out the document: How to Prepare Your Eagle Service Project Proposal and Report.

  ☐ Follow this checklist to the letter. Check-off specific steps as they are completed.

✔ Respond to each question, even if it is not applicable to the specific project.
The Project Proposal (continued)

✓ Provide sufficient detail so that the District advancement chair can reasonably determine that The Basics can be met.

✓ Print out the Proposal section of the Workbook and sign the Candidate’s Promise.

✓ Secure the signatures of the project beneficiary, Scoutmaster, and Unit committee chair or designee.

✓ Provide the beneficiary with a copy of *Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project, Information for Project Beneficiaries*. Have the beneficiary check the YES box located above the beneficiary’s signature.
The Project Proposal (continued)

✓ Create a pdf scan of the signed Proposal and email it to EagleProposal@mayflowerbsa.org

✓ In Powder Keg, Cannon, and JP Becker Districts the advancement chair reviews the proposal and notifies the candidate of approval via email.

In Seven Rivers, Squanto, and Cranberry Harbors Districts, the advancement chair will contact the Scout to schedule an in-person meeting.
Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal

Eagle Scout candidate's full legal name

Eagle Scout Service Project Name

Eagle Scout Requirement 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 must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) 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, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.
Contact Information

Eagle Scout candidates should know who is involved, but contact information may be more important to unit leaders, unit committees, project beneficiaries, and council or district approval representatives in case they want to talk to one another. While it is recognized that not all the information will be needed for every project, Scouts are expected to provide as much as reasonably possible. Approval representatives must understand, however, that doing so is not part of the service project requirement.

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Proposal Page 18
Project Description and Benefit
Briefly describe your project.

Attach sketches or "before" photographs if these will help others visualize the project.
(Click here to add an image. Please use image formats .JPG, .PNG, .TIF, .TIFF, .EPS, .SVG, .PDF, .PS, .EPS, etc.)

Click above box to add an image. Click here to add an image caption.

Add Additional Image Field

Tell how your project will be helpful to the beneficiary. Why is it needed?

When do you plan to begin carrying out your project?
When do you think your project will be completed?

Giving Leadership
Approximately how many people will be needed to help on your project?
Where will you recruit them (unit members, friends, neighbors, family, others)? Explain:

What do you think will be most difficult about leading them?

Materials
Materials are things that become part of the finished project, such as lumber, nails, and paint. What types of materials, if any, will you need? You do not yet need a detailed list of exact quantities, but you must show that you have a reasonable idea of what is required. For example, for lumber, include basic dimensions such as 2" x 4" or 4" x 4".

Supplies
Supplies are things you use up, such as food and refreshments, gasoline, masking tape, tarps, safety supplies, and garbage bags. What kinds of supplies, if any, will you need? You do not yet need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show that you have a reasonable idea of what is required.
Tools
What tools or equipment, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list yet, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

Other Needs
Items that don’t fit the above categories; for example, parking or postage, or services such as printing or pouring concrete, etc.

What other kinds of expenses do you think you might encounter?

Permits and Permissions
Will permissions or permits (such as building permits) be required for your project? Who will obtain them? How long will it take?

Preliminary Cost Estimate
You do not need exact costs yet. Reviewers will just want to see if you can reasonably expect to raise enough money to cover an initial estimate of expense. Include the value of donated material, supplies, tools, and other items. It is not necessary to include the value of tools or other items that will be borrowed at no cost. Note that if your project requires a fundraising application, you do not need to submit it with your proposal.

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Project Phases
Think of your project in terms of phases, and list what they might be. The first may be to complete your final plan. Other phases might include fundraising, preparation, execution, and reporting. You may have as many phases as you want, but it is not necessary to become overly complicated; brief, one line descriptions are sufficient.

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Add a Phase
Logistics

Check with your council service center to determine if a Tour and Activity Plan is required.

How will you handle transportation of materials, supplies, tools, and helpers? Will you need a Tour and Activity Plan?

Safety Issues

The Guide to Safe Scouting is an important resource in considering safety issues.

Describe the hazards and safety concerns you and your helpers should be aware of.

Final Planning

You do not have to list every step, but it must be enough to show you have a reasonable idea of how to complete a final plan.

List some action steps you will take to complete a final plan. For example, "Complete a more detailed set of drawings."

Candidate's Promise*

Sign below before you seek the other approvals for your proposal.

On my honor as a Scout, I have read this entire workbook, including the "Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians" on page 5. I promise to be the leader of this project, and to do my best to carry it out for the maximum benefit to the religious institution, school, or community I have chosen as beneficiary.

Signed ___________________________ Date ____________

* Remember: Do not begin any work on your project, or raise any money, or obtain any materials, until your project proposal has been approved.

Unit Leader Approval*

I have reviewed this proposal and discussed it with the candidate. I believe it provides impact worthy of an Eagle Scout service project, and will involve planning, development, and leadership. I am comfortable the Scout understands what to do, and how to lead the effort. I will see that the project is monitored, and that adults or others present will not overshadow him.

Signed ___________________________ Date ____________

Name (Printed) ____________________________

Unit Committee Approval*

This Eagle Scout candidate is a life Scout, and registered in our unit. I have reviewed this proposal. I am comfortable the project is feasible, and I will do everything I can to see that our unit monitors the level of support we have agreed to provide (if any). I certify that I have been authorized by our unit committee to provide its approval for this proposal.

Signed ___________________________ Date ____________

Name (Printed) ____________________________

Beneficiary Approval*

This service project will provide significant benefit, and we will do all we can to see it through. We realize funding on our part is not required, but we have informed the Scout of the financial support (if any) that we have agreed to. We understand any fund raising he conducts will be in our name and that funds left over will come to us if we are allowed to accept them. We will provide receipts to donors as required.

Our Eagle candidate has provided us a copy of "Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project, Information for Project Beneficiaries."

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signed ___________________________ Date ____________

Name (Printed) ____________________________

Council or District Approval

I have read topics 9.0.2.2 through 9.2.3.5, regarding the Eagle Scout service project, in the Guide to Advancement, No. 338th. I agree on my honor to apply the procedures as written, and in compliance with the policy on "Unauthorized Change to Advancement." Accordingly, I approve this proposal. I will encourage the candidate to complete a final plan and further encourage him to share it with a project coach who has been designated for him.

Signed ___________________________ Date ____________

Name (Printed) ____________________________

*While it makes sense to obtain approvals in the order they appear, there shall be no required sequence for the order of obtaining those approvals marked with an asterisk (*). Council or district approval, however, must come after the others.

Proposal Page E
Fundraising Application

The Fundraising Application must be completed and submitted for approval of the District advancement chair prior to initiating the fundraising when the amount of funds to be raised will exceed $500 and the funds will not come from:

- the candidate, his parents or relatives
- the candidate’s Unit or Chartered Organization
- parents or members of the candidate’s Unit
- the project beneficiary
Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application

Before completing this application, it is important to read “Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising” which can be found on the next page: “Fundraising Application Page A.” 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.

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Describe how funds will be raised:

Proposed date the service project will begin:

Proposed dates for the fundraising efforts:

How much money do you expect to raise?

If people or companies will be asked for donations of money, materials, supplies, or tools, how will this be done and who will do it?

*You must attach a list of prospective donor names and what they will be asked to donate. This is not required for an event like a car wash.

Are any contracts to be signed? If so, by whom?

Contract details:

**Approvals**

The beneficiary and unit leader sign below. In any order, before authorized council approval is obtained.

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*Councils may delegate approval to districts or other committees according to local practices.

Fundraising Application Page A
The Final Plan

After securing the approval of the District advancement chair, begin the Project by completing the Final Plan section of the Workbook.

*This section is a valuable tool for organizing thoughts as the Scout works out the final details of design, material quantification, and scheduling.*
The Project Report

✓ After completing the Project, prepare the Project Report section of the Workbook.

*This section will be reviewed by the Eagle board of review panel to determine if the Service Project requirement has been met.*

✓ Sign and date the Candidate’s Promise and secure the approval signatures of the Unit leader and Project beneficiary.

*Signatures must be secured prior to the candidate’s 18th birthday.*
Eagle Scout Rank Application
Purpose

☐ Documents that all requirements for advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout have been met.

☐ Includes certifications by the applicant, Unit leader, Unit committee chair, Eagle Scout board of review chair, and Council scout executive.
How to Fill Out the Application

✓ Download the current Eagle Scout Rank Application form using the link at www.mayflowerbsa.org (<Programs><Advancement>) - this a fillable pdf.

✓ From the same website, review and print out the document: How to Complete Your Eagle Scout Rank Application Form.

    • Follow this checklist to the letter. Check-off specific steps as they are completed.

✓ Obtain a printout of BSA advancement records from your Unit advancement coordinator.
Common Application Errors

1. Date Became a Boy Scout
   • *Obtain this date by sending an email to JoiningDate@mayflowerbsa.org*

2. List of References must include full addresses.

3. Dates of Merit Badges earned are critical:
   • 4 *Eagle-required badges and 2 others must be earned before the date of Star board of review*
   • 3 *Eagle-required badges and 2 others must be earned before date of Life board of review*

4. For Merit Badges listed as 7, 8, and 10, crossout the badges not being referenced.
5. Position of Responsibility
   • *List only those filled while a Life Scout*
   • *All dates must be limited to the period during which the applicant was a Life Scout*
   • *All dates must be dates, not current, present, etc.*

6. Date Project Finished
   • *Date must precede 18th birthday*

7. Date of Unit Leader Conference
   • *Date must precede 18th birthday*
Mayflower Council Review Process
How to Submit the Application

✓ Review and print out the document: How to Submit an Eagle Scout Application to Mayflower Council as provided at www.mayflowerbsa.org (<Programs> <Advancement>).

☐ Follow this checklist to the letter. Check-off specific steps as they are completed.

✓ Sign the application form and obtain the signatures of the Unit leader and Unit committee chair.

✓ Create a pdf scan of signed application and email to: eaglescoutapplicationsubmission@mayflowerbsa.org
How to Submit the Application (cont.)

✓ Assemble a three-ring Eagle Application Binder containing:

  • The completed Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook with the Proposal as signed by the District advancement chair

  • Statement of ambitions and life purpose and listing of positions held outside of Scouting
How to Submit the Application (cont.)

✓ In Powder Keg, Cannon, and JP Becker Districts, provide the assembled binder to the Unit advancement coordinator. The Unit advancement coordinator will provide the binder to the Eagle board of review panel.

✓ In Seven Rivers, Squanto, and Cranberry Harbors Districts, deliver the binder for review to a member of the District advancement team at either a District roundtable or night of advancement event. The advancement team member will provide the binder to the Eagle board of review panel.
Review of Application

1. Upon receipt of the application, Mayflower Council reviews it to verify it has been signed and that:

   • *dates are consistent with official BSA records regarding becoming a Boy Scout; boards of review for becoming First Class, Star, and Life Scout; and Merit Badges earned*

   • *the number and type of Merit Badges required for the Star, Life, and Eagle Scout ranks have been completed*

   • *the applicant has served at least 6 months in a qualified position of responsibility as a Life Scout*
2. Mayflower Council emails the verified application to the District advancement chair.

3. In the Powder Keg, Cannon, and JP Becker Districts, the advancement chair notifies the Unit advancement coordinator that the application has been verified by the Council and

   • requests verification that the candidate’s complete application binder is in hand and offers dates for the scheduling of the Eagle board of review

   • Unit advancement coordinator coordinates the scheduling of the board of review with the candidate
Review of Application (continued)

In the Seven Rivers, Squanto, and Cranberry Harbors Districts, the advancement chair will notify the Scout that the application has been verified by the Council and

• will schedule the Eagle board of review with the candidate upon approval of the submitted Eagle application binder.
Review of Application (continued)

4. The Eagle board of review is held and the board chair signs the application and forwards it to the Mayflower Council scout executive.

5. The scout executive signs and forwards the application to the National Council of the BSA.

6. The National Council of the BSA reviews the application and mails the Eagle Scout Rank Certificate to Mayflower Council.
Review of Application (continued)

7. Mayflower Council notifies the Unit leadership that the Certificate is available for pickup at the Council Service Center.

8. The Unit must present the Certificate in order to purchase the Eagle Scout rank insignia and medal at either a Scout Shop or the Council Service Center.

• The Eagle Scout rank insignia and medal cannot be purchased unless the Certificate is presented.
Contacts for Additional Help

**John Fortini** - john.fortini@scouting.org  
*Mayflower Council Registrar*  
*Advancement Chair - Powder Keg District*

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*Advancement Chair – Cannon District*

**Brad Saunders** – dpluseman@gmail.com  
*Advancement Chair – J.P. Becker District*
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Advancement Chair – Cranberry Harbors District