

TRANSATLANTIC COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America

Eagle Scout Letter of Recommendation



Instructions to Scout: Everyone you listed on your Eagle application in requirement #2 should write a recommendation letter. The only reference that may be omitted is employer, if you do not have a job. You may be asked to provide your references with a stamped envelope addressed to your Unit Committee or the person designated to collect Eagle recommendation letters. He or she will hold all your letters and insert the unopened envelopes into your Eagle packet and turn it in to the Chair of your Eagle Board of Review. **You “should not be involved personally in transmitting any correspondence between persons listed as references and the council service center,”** according to BSA Advancement Committee Policy and Procedures handbook, p31 # 5 and #6 in The 12 Steps from Life to Eagle.

Instructions to Writer of Recommendation: This letter of recommendation should be based upon your personal interaction with the Eagle Scout candidate and should include the following:

- How long you have known the candidate and in what capacity.
- How he reflects the ideals of Scouting at home and in the community.
- Does he regularly attend unit meetings and activities?
- Is he active in community activities outside of Scouting?
- Does he regularly attend school?
- General scholastic record at school
- Shows leadership in observed activities.
- Attendance at religious observances.
- Respect for religious convictions of others.
- Leadership in religious activities.
- Shares duties and responsibilities.
- Thrifty in management of his own funds.
- Careful in use of his own and other people’s property.
- Prepared to take care of an emergency situation and handle it confidently and effectively.
- Courteous and considerate.
- Your observance of how he exemplifies the points listed below in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.
- Do you recommend him for the rank of Eagle?

The Scout Oath

On my Honor, I will do my best, To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY: A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a Part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

LOYAL A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.

HELPFUL A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

FRIENDLY A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

COURTEOUS A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together

KIND A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.

OBEDIENT A Scout follows the rules of his family school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

CHEERFUL A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

THRIFTY A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

BRAVE A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

CLEAN A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

REVERENT A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Please address and send your letter to the Unit Advancement Chair or designee for the Eagle candidate's Scout Unit.

Instructions to Unit Committee: Please collect and hold all the recommendation letters for your unit's Eagle Scout candidates. **Please do not open them or share them.** They are solely for the use of the Eagle Board of Review. When an Eagle candidate has completed his Eagle packet (application, statement of ambition and life purpose, project workbook and TAC supplemental form) please submit everything to the Eagle Scout Coordinator at the TAC Council Service Center (advancement@tac-bsa.org, Phone: DSN 633 7753 CIV +39 050 54 7753).

