

Getting Started

Once you have passed your Life Board of Review you can begin work on the Eagle rank whenever you chose to do so. Remember that you have until the day before your 18th birthday to finish all the rank requirements and get your paperwork signed and turned in to the Council office.

There is no requirement that you finish any one requirement before you begin work on another. You can in fact be working on all the requirements at the same time. You will find these requirements in your Scout Handbook and on the BSA website.

Once you desire to begin work on an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project you will find that there are more places wanting to be your beneficiary than you will have time to assist. Some common beneficiaries are local schools, churches, parks, nursing homes and even your own charter organization. While building something for the beneficiary is normally the easiest project to put together the project does not have to be a construction project. You will have to get approval from your scoutmaster or crew advisor to do the project so if you need help in seeking out a project he or she would be a good person to talk with.

Once you have chosen a project you will use the most current version of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to document your project proposal, project plan, and project report and record your work on the project. The electronic version of the Workbook can be found on the BSA website. There is no requirement that you type the project. It can be written out by hand, however; whichever method you use you can not deviate or alter the Workbook. You can insert all the pages you wish.

Once you chose a project you should meet with the beneficiary to come to agreement that you will have their permission to do the project and make sure you both clearly understand the scope of the project and any special requirements they may have such as color schemes, location of things and even the days and times you will be permitted to be on their property to do work on the project. While you can suggest and give your ideas to the beneficiary remember that you are doing the project for them and they get to have the final say on what you do and how it is to look when you get finished.

After meeting with the beneficiary you need to write up the project proposal section of the workbook and take it to the beneficiary for their reading and signature of approval. Remember that if you will be doing any fundraising to finance the project that you will be

doing so in the beneficiary's name and must have their permission to do any such fundraising.

After you and the beneficiary have signed the project proposal you need to take it to your unit leader (scoutmaster or crew advisor) and get his or her signature of approval. You will also need the signature of approval of one of the unit committee members.

Once you have all the signatures contact Mr. John Mahoney, the District Eagle Board Chairman, to arrange a meeting with him to submit your proposal for a District review. You should email him at jsmahoney@bellsouth.net to arrange a time to meet when you will deliver two signed copies of your project proposal and receive further instruction on the process that will take you through the final board of review. **THIS EMAIL**

MUST BE SENT BY THE 25TH OF THE MONTH IN ORDER TO BE SCHEDULED FOR A BOARD OF REVIEW THE FOLLOWING MONTH.