



Eagle Scouts

FACT SHEET

Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Scouts BSA.

- In 2019, 61,366 Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- From 1912 to 2019, 2,598,999 Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- In 2019, 8% percent of all Scouts BSA earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- In 2019, the average age of youth earning the Eagle Scout rank was 17.3 years of age.

Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

To earn the rank, a Scouts BSA member must:

- Progress through the ranks in the following order:
 - Scout
 - Tenderfoot
 - Second Class
 - First Class
 - Star
 - Life
 - Eagle
- Earn 21 merit badges, including:
 - First Aid
 - Citizenship in the Community
 - Citizenship in the Nation
 - Citizenship in the World
 - Communication
 - Cooking
 - Personal Fitness
 - Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
 - Environmental Science or Sustainability
 - Personal Management
 - Swimming or Hiking or Cycling
 - Camping
 - Family Life
- Serve six months in a position of responsibility.
- Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or their community.
- While a Life Scout, participate in a Scoutmaster conference.
- Successfully complete their board of review for the Eagle Scout rank.



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Scouts BSA members with disabilities may qualify for the Eagle Scout rank by fulfilling alternative requirements as determined by section 10 of the Guide to Advancement.

National Eagle Scout Association

- Founded in 1972, the National Eagle Scout Association maintains contact with Eagle Scouts to sustain their interest in Scouting.
- Eagle Scouts in good standing may join.
- Applications for membership and more information is available through:
 - Local council
 - NESA website at www.nesa.org
 - Contacting the Scouting Alumni & Friends at the national office at www.scoutingalumni.org or 972-580-2000.