



Eagle Scout Reference Letter Instructions

The Scout from whom you received this form is in the process of applying for the highest award the Boy Scouts of America can bestow upon a youth member. They have worked for several years, and if they are successful in their quest, they will have earned a nationally recognized achievement that they will be proud of for the rest of their life. In addition, the Eagle Scout Rank will open many doors for them, while at the same time placing upon them the expectation to set an example of high values and ethics.

Soon the Scout will be called before the Eagle Scout Board of Review, a group of citizens who represent the W. D. Boyce Council, BSA. We are hoping you will be able to help the board get to know the Scout as they make their decision whether or not to recognize the candidate with the Award.

The Eagle Scout candidate has submitted your name as a reference. Would you please take a moment and complete this confidential form? The candidate was encouraged to supply you with a stamped envelope already addressed, so you can send the completed form to their District/Council Advancement Rep. If they did not, please give them a call for the proper name and address. Please do not return the form to the candidate.

Note: A fillable PDF version of this form is available at <http://wdboyce.org/eagle-reference-letter>. If you wish, you may fill out this form electronically and print it before returning it. You may also use additional sheets of paper if necessary. However, this form must be physically mailed via US Mail. It may NOT be returned via e-mail.

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.

Scout Law

- **A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY.** A Scout tells the truth. They keep their promises. Honesty is a part of their code of conduct. People can always depend on them.
- **A Scout is LOYAL.** A Scout is true to their family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.
- **A Scout is HELPFUL.** A Scout is concerned about other people. They willingly volunteer to help others without expecting payment or reward.
- **A Scout is FRIENDLY.** A Scout is a friend to all. They are a brother or sister to other Scouts. They seek to understand others. They respect those with ideas and customs that are different from their own.
- **A Scout is COURTEOUS.** A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. They know that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.
- **A Scout is KIND.** A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. They treat others as they want to be treated. They do not harm or kill anything without reason.
- **A Scout is OBEDIENT.** A Scout follows the rules of their family, school, and troop. They obey the laws of their community and country. If they think these rules and laws are unfair, they try to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.
- **A Scout is CHEERFUL.** A Scout looks for the bright side of life. They cheerfully do tasks that come their way. They try to make others happy.
- **A Scout is THRIFTY.** A Scout works to pay their way and to help others. They save for the future. They protect and conserve natural resources. They carefully use time and property.
- **A Scout is BRAVE.** A Scout can face danger even if they are afraid. They have the courage to stand for what they think is right even if others laugh at them or threaten them.
- **A Scout is CLEAN.** A Scout keeps their body and mind fit and clean. They go around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. They help keep their home and community clean.
- **A Scout is REVERENT.** A Scout is reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious duties. They respect the beliefs of others.



1. How long have you known the Eagle Scout candidate?

2. In what capacity have you had experience with the candidate?

3. The Scout Oath or Promise: Give an example of how this Eagle Candidate lives out the principles of the Scout Oath.

4. Have you seen the Eagle Candidate deal with any portion of the Scout Oath as they handle various issues? Please give an example.

5. Scouts recite the Scout Law at each troop meeting: Which point of the Scout Law do you feel that the Eagle Candidate exemplifies the most? (Please explain)

6. Which point of the Scout Law is the greatest challenge for this Eagle Candidate? Explain why you think so.

7. An Eagle Scout will be expected to provide leadership under many circumstances in the future. Describe your personal experience with this Eagle Candidate which has demonstrated their leadership so far, other than their Eagle Scout Project. Give as many details as possible.

8. If you know, please describe how this Eagle Candidate fulfills their "duty to God". (If you are not in a position to be able to answer this question, you may say so.)

9. Explain why you believe this Eagle Candidate should be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

Additional Comments (Please attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name

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