

Completing your Eagle Application

In preparation for your Scoutmaster conference for Eagle rank, you will fill out an Eagle Scout Rank Application, which is available from the NESA web site at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728.pdf>. You should work on a draft pencil copy of the application until you review it with your Troop Advancement Chairperson and have a perfect draft. You will then copy it exactly onto a fresh application, using black ink. You may find it helpful to request a copy of your Individual History Report (IHR) from the Troop Advancement Chairperson to use in filling out the application.

Following are a few tips for filling out your *Eagle Scout Rank Application*:

- All dates will be represented by two digits each for month, day, and year (e.g., 053089, never May 89 or 5/89. Do not use “Present” or “Current” for dates.)
- The date you joined a Boy Scout Troop is the date of your bridging ceremony, if you entered from Cub Scouting, or else the date on your BSA Youth Application (Form 28-406). If Troop 719 was your joining troop, this date was recorded on the Temporary Membership Certificate (inside the Youth Application) that was returned to you at your Scoutmaster conference for Scout Rank. By this date you must have
 - Earned Arrow of Light and been at least 10 years old, or
 - Completed 5th grade and been at least 10 years old, or
 - Been 11 years old.
- Fill out the merit badge dates using the sign-off dates from your blue Merit Badge cards
 - Cross out with a single line those MBs *not* earned in items 6 and 9. (If a crossed out MB was earned but not counted as “Eagle required” it may be re-entered in 13 – 21.)
 - All MB dates must be after the “Date joined a Boy Scout troop.”
 - There must be four “Eagle required” plus two others dated prior to “Date of Star Scout board of review.”
 - There must be three additional “Eagle required” plus two others dated prior to “Date of Life Scout board of review.”
 - There must be a total of 21 MBs.
 - Use only MBs that apply to your Star, Life, and Eagle ranks (See your IHR.)
 - Notify Advancement Chairperson of any discrepancies between the IHR and blue cards.
- List names, addresses, and telephone numbers of six persons who will write letters of recommendation for you (preferably who are not adult leaders within your Troop)
 - Only five letters are required if you are not employed.
 - Contact them personally before listing their names to be sure they will do this for you; tell them the date by which the letter is needed (date of your Scoutmaster conference).
 - Prepare a written request for each confidential recommendation and reminder of the date.
 - See Eagle Reference Request letter at <http://troop719.com/eagle/eagle.html>
 - Enclose a stamped envelope addressed to the Troop Advancement Chairperson, with the person giving the recommendation in the return address, and an “Attention:” line containing your name in lower left corner of envelope.
 - Present these to the Advancement Chairperson for mailing in *unsealed* stamped envelopes addressed to references. Allow at least 6 weeks response time.
- Enter official leadership positions held since “Date of Life Scout board of review.”
 - If continuing from Star Scout, use the “Date of Life Scout board of review” as start.
 - If continuing at present, wait to list date of Scoutmaster conference as stop date.
 - Must total at least six months.
- Requirement 6 – two parts: [1] a statement of your ambitions and life purpose; [2] demonstration of leadership skills in other organizations (what else you are doing outside of Scouting)
 - Provide a separate essay, usually about one page in length.
 - Discuss what you hope to become and accomplish in life; this is a good place to tie in faith meaning and what Scouting has contributed to your life purpose.
 - Make this an excellent response. Give reasons behind your goals.
 - This is your own statement, but Eagle Advisor should review.