

## Appeals and Extensions

### **Eagle Project Approval:**

The national Boy Scout Committee and the Baltimore Area Council have invested approval authority for Eagle Scout Service Projects in the District. There is no appeal from the District approval decision.

### **Advancement:**

The following decisions may be appealed:

- The Scoutmaster or Troop Committee does not recommend the Scout for a Board of Review, or does not sign the Eagle Scout Application.
- The Board of Review does not recommend the Scout for rank advancement.

The Scout, his leader, or his parents may appeal the decision to the next higher level. Appeals may progress through the unit, district, council, and to the national Boy Scout Committee. A decision by the national Boy Scout Committee is final.

### **Time Extensions:**

Extensions may be granted for continuing work toward the Eagle Scout rank after age 18 under special circumstances:

- The candidate is a certified “special needs” Scout.
- Circumstances completely beyond control of the Scout prevent completion of advancement requirements.

A written petition or certification must be filed with the national Boy Scout Committee through the local council.

An Eagle Scout Board of Review can be held following a Scout’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday:

- Up to 3 months after 18<sup>th</sup> birthday without special permission.
- Between 3 and 6 months requires a statement explaining the delay.
- After 6 months by petition to the national Boy Scout Committee.

A note about the age requirements:

The requirement “prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday” should be interpreted as “before the end of the day before the Scout’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.” The requirement “up to 3 months after the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday” should be interpreted as “before the end of the day 3 months after the day before the Scout’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.” Except as noted, the age requirement is strictly enforced. Completing the requirements on your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, or the day after, is not satisfactory. Turning 18 is neither unexpected nor an exceptional circumstance. As is emphasized throughout this guide, the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project involves much more than simply doing an isolated service project. The time that you will invest in preparing the required paperwork, and the time required for review and approvals should not be underestimated. You should arrange your priorities to undertake the Eagle project no later than age 17 ½. If your project involves seasonal delays, such as planting or warm weather fundraisers, or long-lead items such as grant applications, you should allow a year for the process. Setting priorities and management of your time is part of demonstrating leadership, planning, and organization.