

Lighthouse District Eagle Rank Procedures

Part 2- The Eagle Scout Rank Application

This document is meant to be a helpful guide to the Eagle Rank process specific to the Lighthouse District, Gulf Stream Council. In no way is it meant to supersede, circumvent, or add to the Eagle Rank requirements as defined in the current BSA Guide to Advancement. All those seeking information regarding the Eagle Scout Rank process are encouraged to use the following resources-

BSA Guide to Advancement- <https://www.scouting.org/resources/guide-to-advancement/>

Specifically- Section 9.0.0.0 The Eagle Scout Rank

The Gulf Stream Council Eagle Resources-<https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/EagleScouts>

Specifically-<https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/files/5651/Life-to-Eagle-Guidebook>

Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook-

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>

Submitting the Eagle Rank Application

After a scout has completed **ALL** of their Eagle Rank Requirements (except for req. #7 Eagle Board of Review), the Eagle Rank Application must be completed by the scout and submitted to the Gulf Stream Council Service Center.

The best place to print the Eagle Rank Application is by using the scout's Scoutbook page under the "reports" tab. All of the official BSA information and dates will be auto-generated when using this form. Using this form will greatly reduce any potential delays in the application verification process.

Scouts will need to enter the names and contact information for four references on the application.

Be sure to double check that all of the correct information and dates are on the application. The application will need to be reviewed and signed by the scout, Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chair. **Note- The signature dates must be in successive order or all the same date.**

In the Lighthouse District, the following **MUST** be submitted with the original Eagle Rank Application-

-Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose- “In preparation for your board of review, prepare and attach to your Eagle Scout Rank Application a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations, during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service.” **per Eagle requirement #7**

The above should be submitted, in person, to the Gulf Stream Council Service Center, 8335 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33410. You will receive a stamped copy as a receipt.

Once all the information on the Eagle Rank Application is verified by the Gulf Stream Council, it will be mailed to the Lighthouse District Eagle Chair. When it is received by the Chair, an email notice of the scout's scheduled Eagle Board of Review will be emailed to the scout, parents, and Scoutmaster.

Note- If you do not receive an email notification within two weeks, you should check with the Gulf Stream Council at 561-694-8585 to see if your application has been delayed and requires corrections.

Eagle Reference Letters-

As of January 1st, 2025, Scouts are responsible for requesting four Eagle Reference Letters. More information regarding Eagle Reference Letters can be found here-<https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/guidance-for-updating-council-policies-on-eagle-scout-letters-of-reference/>.

Scouts should provide a stamped and self-addressed #10 envelope to their four selected references for the return of their Eagle reference letters. Reference letters should be returned to **Alexandra C. Reynolds, Lighthouse District Eagle Chair, 257 Plymouth Road, WPB, FL, 33045.** Scouts should provide each of their selected references with a copy of the Eagle Reference Request Letter that is emailed to them upon the completion of their Eagle Project Approval Board, or as found here-<https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/lighthouse>. **Scouts may collect and submit their own reference letters as long as they are in a sealed envelope from the reference. If need be a scout may have the letter of reference emailed directly to the Eagle Chair by the individual, that is, providing the letter if there is a time constraint to Gulfstream.eagleboard@gmail.com.**

The Eagle Board of Review-

The Lighthouse District Eagle Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month except in the month of July. Special Boards can be requested if a scout has a significant conflict with the date of a regularly scheduled Eagle Board.

Make sure that your Scoutmaster, or Eagle Coordinator, is in attendance to present you to the board. This leader cannot be your mother or father.

Bring three copies of your FULLY completed Eagle Service Project Workbook (all four sections- Proposal, Plan, Fundraising Application, and Report), along with pictures. Your project beneficiary and unit leader must sign the report. Note: The Fundraising Application is only required if more than \$750 was raised from people, or businesses, other than your family, troop, or chartered organization.

Dress in your full Class A uniform, wear your merit badge sash, and if applicable, bring your Order of the Arrow sash with you (do not wear it.) Most importantly, bring your original Scout Handbook.

Family members and fellow scouts may attend, but may not sit in on the actual Eagle Board of Review.

The Eagle Court of Honor-

Once a scout has successfully completed their Eagle Board of Review, they are officially an Eagle Scout, but it is customary for a scout to plan their Eagle Court of Honor (ECoH) as the next step. The ECoH is the perfect opportunity for the scout to thank everyone who has helped them along the Eagle Trail. Scouts should reach out to their Scoutmasters and/or Eagle Mentors for guidance in organizing their Eagle Court of Honor.

Eagle Mentor Pins are a great way for a scout to recognize those who have had a positive impact on their lives along the Trail to Eagle. They are available for purchase at the Scout Shop. There is no limit to the number of pins that a scout may give. They can be given to adults and youth, both inside and outside of scouting.

Contact- Lighthouse District Eagle Chair- gulfstream.eagleboard@gmail.com.