



Eagle Scout Rank Letters of Reference

Requirement #2 of the Eagle Scout Rank Application requires a Scout to provide references who know them and can confirm how they demonstrate the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily life.

As of January 1, 2025, Eagle Scout candidates are responsible for requesting their own reference letters.

A total of four (4) references are required. The required references are:

1. Parent or Guardian
2. Religious
3. Educational
4. One additional reference (may include employer if applicable, or another adult who knows the Scout well)

A Scout may leave off the "Religious" reference if they have no formal religion, but must be prepared to discuss how they fulfill their Duty to God.

A Scout may leave off the "Employer" reference if they are not employed.

Reference Letter Procedure:

- Scouts must provide each of their chosen references with a copy of the official Eagle Reference Request Letter (available from the Gulf Stream Council website or sent after Eagle Project Approval).
- Scouts should also provide each reference with a stamped and self-addressed #10 envelope for returning the letter.
- Letters must be returned directly to the Gulf Stream Council Service Center or given to the Scout in a sealed envelope from the reference.

Submission:

All completed Eagle Reference Letters should be submitted, sealed, along with the Eagle Scout Rank Application packet to:

Gulf Stream Council Service Center
8335 N. Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Important: Reference letters are confidential and are never shown to the Scout. They are reviewed only by the Eagle Board of Review.

For questions, contact the Gulf Stream Council at (561) 694-8585 or visit www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/EagleScouts