



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Eagle Scout Letter of Reference

An Eagle Scout candidate must demonstrate that they live by the principles of the Scout Oath, and Law in their daily life. In this regard, the candidate has indicated that you know them personally, and that you would be willing to provide a letter of reference on their behalf. On the reverse side of this letter there are additional instructions and a copy of the Scout Oath and Law for your reference in preparing this letter. Please note that the contents of the letter will NOT be shown to or discussed with the candidate, nor with anyone not a member of the Eagle Scout Board of Review.

Eagle Candidate's Name: _____ Your relationship: _____

Length of time you have known the candidate: _____

Dear Eagle Board of Review:

See additional attached pages

My Name

Date

Signature

Telephone

Instructions to Scout: Everyone you listed on your Eagle application in requirement #2 should write a letter of reference. These letters are confidential and should not be returned directly to you. They should be sent or delivered in a sealed envelope with your name to your Unit Leader or Committee person designated to collect these letters.

Instructions to Letter of Reference Writer: This letter of reference should be based upon your personal interaction with the Eagle Scout candidate and should take into consideration your observance of how they exemplify the points listed below in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. If you need more space than is provided on this sheet, you may attach additional pages. **The letter should not be given to the Scout.** Please address and send your letter to the mailing address listed below:

Name of Unit Leader or designee

c/o <Scouts Name> Letter of Reference

Address of Unit Leader or designee

Thank you for taking time to write this letter.

For example, references letters for Eagle candidate John Doe should be addressed to Unit Leader William Boyce as follows:

William Boyce
c/o John Doe Letter of Reference
1910 Baden-Powell Highway
Irving, TX 12345

The 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.

The 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.
LOYAL	A Scout is true to their family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.
HELPFUL	A Scout is concerned about other people. They willingly volunteer to help others without expecting payment or reward.
FRIENDLY	A Scout is a friend to all. They are a friend to other Scouts. They seek to understand others. They respect those with ideas and customs that are different from their own.
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.
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.
OBEDIENT	A Scout follows the rules of their family school, and unit. 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.
CHEERFUL	A Scout looks for the bright side of life. They cheerfully do tasks that come their way. They try to make others happy.
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.
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.
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.
REVERENT	A Scout is reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious duties. They respect the beliefs of others.