

Dear Troop 890 Eagle Scout Candidate,

Congratulations on reaching the precipice of attaining the Eagle Rank, the highest award given to a Boy Scout. You have exhibited the perseverance to learn a significant amount of scout skills, complete at least twenty-one merit badges, perform hours of community service, and serve at least three terms in a leadership position. Your Eagle project serves as the capstone of your scouting experience by testing your leadership ability in identifying a project, planning the details and schedule, and managing it to completion. The next stage of the process is to complete your Eagle Scout application, verifying all of the rank advancement and merit badge information. The final two steps are to complete a Scoutmaster Conference and Eagle Board of Review.

On the Eagle Scout Rank Application, requirement six asks you to do the following and submit to the Scoutmaster at your conference:

Attach to this application a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of the 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.

In addition to requirement #6, you need to complete a separate essay that discusses the following questions. The intent of this exercise is not a bunch of meaningless words. This essay is a summary of your experience in scouts and the lessons that you have learned. It should give an indication on how scouting has prepared you for life as an adult.

Explain the various principles contained in the Scout Law and how they should influence the way that you live your life. Discuss what is meant by honor, duty to God and Country, and what does it mean to obey the Scout Law. Why should we be willing to help other people at all times? Why is it important to keep yourself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight?

Summarize the Scout Law. What is the common bond between the first six points of the Scout Law? What is the common bond between the second six points of the Scout Law? What impact will obeying the Scout Law and its principles have on your life and the lives of others? What is your favorite point of the Scout Law and why? What is the most difficult point of the Scout Law for you to obey and why?

The ultimate objective of scouting is good citizenship and self-reliance. Explain what it means to be a good citizen. How has scouting helped you to be more self-reliant?

Explain in your own words what it means to have good character, integrity, and courage. How do they relate to the Scout Oath and Scout Law? Explain why it is important that your actions are consistent with your words and professed beliefs.

Lastly, once you have earned the rank of Eagle, what duty and obligation do you have to your troop, friends, community, church, and family? How do you plan to give back to scouting in the same measure that it has given to you?

Once again, complete this exercise in your own words. I look forward to meeting with you for your Scoutmaster conference.

**Regards,
Mr. Chumbley**