



Eagle Board of Review

Dan Beard Council – Advancement Committee

The scout must successfully complete an Eagle Board of Review.

Tasks

1. After the Eagle application has been approved at council and returned to the unit and after all letters of recommendation have been received, the Eagle Board of Review is scheduled by the unit Eagle coordinator or by the designated person. Unit needs to confirm that returned application has been duly signed as complete at Council; if not, you must contact Council immediately.
2. The Board of Review is to consist of 3 to 6 adults, age 21 or older, one of whom will serve as chairman, usually from within the unit. At least one member must be a representative of district or council advancement. It is not required that Board of Review members be registered with the Boy Scouts of America, but each must understand the importance and purpose of the Eagle Board of Review.
3. The Board should convene before the time scheduled for the Eagle candidate to arrive for the purpose of reviewing the application, project booklet, project documentation, and recommendation letters outside of the candidate's presence.
4. There are no set questions that must be asked. The Board should ask enough questions about the Eagle project to ensure that it was done satisfactorily and that the candidate demonstrated sufficient leadership and ask questions to confirm that he has completed all other requirements.
5. The Eagle candidate is asked to leave the room. The Board will discuss all aspects of the Review and vote on approving him as an Eagle Scout. The vote must be unanimous for approval.
6. The candidate is brought back to the room. If the vote is positive, congratulations are in order. If the candidate does not meet the requirements, he must be told the reasons and told what he can do to meet the requirements within a given time period. The Board must also prepare these comments in written form and mail them to the candidate.
7. If the vote is positive, the application is signed. The Board must determine how the signed application, project workbook, and recommendation letters are to be transmitted to the Council Service Center. Note that neither the scout nor his family is to have direct access to the recommendation letters.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

May the unit leader attend the Eagle Board of Review?

The unit leader may attend the Board of Review if requested by the Eagle candidate. The unit leader may respond to direct questions for clarity, but otherwise should not comment. If the unit leader is present, it is recommended that he or she sit behind the candidate, out of direct eyesight.

May a family member attend the Eagle Board of Review?

Parents, guardians, or other close family members of the Eagle candidate may never attend an Eagle Board of Review, even as a unit leader.

What paperwork is submitted to the local council after the Board of Review?

The signed application, the workbook, and letters of recommendation, but not the notebook or other documentation, are submitted to the Council Service Center. The Board of Review will decide on the method to transport these documents to the Council Service Center.

What happens if the scout, his family, or the unit disagrees with the findings of the Board of Review?

In this case, an appeal may be filed. Contact your District Advancement Chair for information and assistance.