



## Eagle Requirement 4: Position of Responsibility

### Dan Beard Council Advancement Committee

**Requirement 4. While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of 6 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility:**

**Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, or instructor.**

#### *Scout Tasks:*

- 1. List only positions of responsibility held while a Life Scout. A total of 6 months tenure is required.*
- 2. Use the required mm/dd/yy format on all dates on the Eagle Application.*

You must actively serve in a leadership position in the troop for at least six months while you're a Life Scout. If you have questions about this requirement, talk to the Scoutmaster about being appointed to a leadership position.

#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION**

**Can the scout list 2 positions that were held? Can time from separate positions be combined?**

Yes! You need at least a total of 6 calendar months in one or more positions while a Life Scout. You can list 2 positions, but the dates for these positions CANNOT overlap.

**What if the scout was in a position of responsibility for 6 months, but part of this time was as a Star scout?**

The Eagle candidate must have been in an accepted leadership position for 6 months as a Life scout. If a scout is in a position at the time of their Life Scout Board of Review, the time in that position starts on that day. Additional leadership time is then required to complete the 6-month requirement.

**What if the scout does not actively take leadership in his leadership position?**

A scout has completed the requirements of leadership if he has been in the position and has not been removed from that position by the unit for not meeting leadership requirements. If the scout is not effectively fulfilling his leadership role, the unit leadership needs to counsel him. If this counseling does not result in improved leadership performance, the scout should be removed from his position. If a scout has not been removed from his leadership position, then the unit leadership has given its approval of the quality of leadership during that time. A unit should not declare after-the-fact that a scout has done an insufficient job in a position and thus deny a rank, if they did nothing about poor performance while he was in that position.

A scout that has been removed from a leadership position for poor performance should be allowed another opportunity to demonstrate leadership in another position.