



# Eagle Scouts

## FACT SHEET

Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting.

- In 2012, the centennial year of the Eagle Scout Award, 57,976 Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank—more than in any previous year.
- From 1912 to 2012, more than 2 million Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- Around 7 percent of all Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2012.
- In 2012, the average age of boys earning the Eagle Scout rank was 17 years of age.

### Eagle Scout Rank

- To earn the rank, a Boy Scout must:
  - Progress through the ranks in the following order:
    - Tenderfoot
    - Second Class
    - First Class
    - Star
    - Life
    - Eagle
  - Earn 21 merit badges, including:
    - First Aid
    - Citizenship in the Community
    - Citizenship in the Nation
    - Citizenship in the World
    - Communications
    - Environmental Science
    - Personal Fitness
    - Camping
    - Family Life
    - Personal Management
    - Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
    - Cycling, Hiking, or Swimming
  - Serve six months in a troop leadership position.
  - Plan, develop, and give leadership to a service project for any religious organization or any school or community.
  - Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
  - Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

Boy Scouts with disabilities may qualify for the Eagle Scout rank by fulfilling alternative requirements as determined by their council.

### National Eagle Scout Association

- Founded in 1972, the National Eagle Scout Association maintains contact with Eagle Scouts to sustain their interest in Scouting.
- Eagle Scouts in good standing may join.
- Applications for membership are available through:
  - Local council
  - The NESA Web page
  - Contacting Alumni Relations at the national office
- For more information, visit the official NESA website at [www.nesa.org](http://www.nesa.org).