



# SERVICE PROJECTS

## Selecting Leadership Service Projects

*Leadership service projects shall be meaningful.  
Service not normally expected of a Scout as part of his  
school, religious or community activities.*

**Second Class Rank:** For the rank of Second Class, a Scout must participate in a service project or projects approved by his Scoutmaster. The time of service must be a minimum of one hour. This project prepares a Scout for the more involved service projects he must perform for the Star, Life and Eagle Scout ranks.

**Star and Life Ranks:** For ranks of Star and Life, a Scout must perform six hours of service to others. This may be done as an individual project or as a member of a Patrol or Troop project. Star and Life service projects may be approved for Scouts assisting on Eagle service projects. The Scoutmaster approves the project before it is started.

**Eagle Scout Rank:** For a service project to qualify as an Eagle Scout service project, the Scout, while a Life Scout, must plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project benefiting any religious institution, school or community. These projects must conform to the wishes and regulations of those for whom the project is undertaken.

The Eagle Scout service project provides opportunity for the Eagle Scout candidate to demonstrate the leadership skills he has learned in Scouting. He does the project outside the sphere of Scouting.

As a demonstration of his leadership, the Scout must plan the work, organize the personnel needed, seek approval and direct the project to its completion.

- Before developing the detail plan, the candidate must discuss the project conceptually with the beneficiary and the Scoutmaster.
- When the Scoutmaster has conceptually agreed to the service project, the applicant develops a detail plan (See [Eagle Project Guidelines](#)) and seeks the signature approval of the beneficiary when the plan is **complete**.
- After the signature of the beneficiary is received, the applicant shall request a meeting with the Scoutmaster at least seven days in advance to seek his/her signature approval.
- Once approved by the Scoutmaster and the project's Beneficiary and the Scout has received signatures from both in his Service Project Workbook, the Scout shall request

to meet with the Committee during their regularly scheduled meeting to seek the approval of the Committee and the signature of the Committee Chairperson; however the Scout must request a spot on the agenda at least one week in advance from the Committee Chairperson and provide him/her with a copy (electronic preferred) of his Scoutmaster approved Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook at that time.

- After meeting with the Committee and once the project is signed by the Committee Chairperson, the Scout will be provided with the District Advancement Chairperson's contact information.
- The Scout must arrange a meeting directly with District Advancement Chairperson for the final review before starting his project. Only the District Advancement Chairperson or his/her representative can authorize the commencement of an Eagle Service Project.
- If at anytime a senior approver requires a change to the Eagle Service Project Workbook, the applicant **MUST** return to those who previously approved his proposal, including the beneficiary, to obtain their agreement to the change(s).

Service to others is important. Work involving Council property or other BSA activities is not acceptable for an Eagle service project. The service project may not be performed for a business or be of a commercial nature or be a fund-raiser. Prior to planning the project, the Scout must discuss the project conceptually with the Scoutmaster. Routine labor, a job or service normally rendered should not be considered. There is no minimum number of hours that must be spent on carrying out the project. The amount of time spent must be sufficient for the Scout to clearly demonstrate leadership skills.

Please see [Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook](#), **No. 18-927** for details.