

Eagle Project Guidelines

(Note: These guidelines are designed to answer commonly asked questions and to provide overall guidance for an Eagle. These guidelines are not a totally inclusive list of responsibilities and tasks needed to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.)

“Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to your religious institution, school, or your community.”

“The amount of time spent by you in planning your project and the actual working time spent in carrying out the project should be as much as is necessary for you to demonstrate your leadership of others.”

“There are no hard and fast rules regarding the scope of an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, but a typical project requires hours of planning and organization by the Scout and several days’ work by eight to twelve members of his Troop. Because the project must enable the Scout to demonstrate leadership skills, he must not do the work himself: he must instruct and supervise others in completing needed work. ... Overall, the project should be sufficiently non-technical that a crew of boys can satisfactorily complete it with no adult assistance.”

- In what ways did you demonstrate leadership of others?
- Give examples of how you directed the project rather than doing the work yourself.
- Who benefited and how?
- Did the project follow the plan?
- If changes were made, explain how they came about and why they were necessary.

Key elements

Responsibility and Leadership; also Thinking, Planning, and Follow-through.

Things to keep in mind

The project may not be routine labor or maintenance (i.e., painting); you must plan, develop, and give leadership to a project of “meaningful service.”

Use a camera to take “before” and “after” shots.

Money must not come from individuals or family; items or money must be donated or a fundraiser held.

First get a verbal approval from the Eagle Advisor on your project. Before any actual work may begin on the project, you must have written approvals of the following:

- Representative of organization benefiting from project
- Eagle Advisor or Scoutmaster
- Unit Committee Chair
- District Advisor

This written approval is solicited by presenting them your plan to complete the project.

“The ‘planning details’ should include enough detailed information that another Scout, without your supervision, could carry out your project in your absence.”

Keep written log of both your time and the time spent by others in planning, carrying out, and following through on the project.

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