

## Boy Scouts of America

### SCOUT ADVANCEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

1. The Council will follow the policies and procedures set forth by the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Standards for advancement shall be based upon the requirements listed in the most current Official Boy Scout Handbook #33105 and Boy Scout Requirements #33215, published by the Boy Scouts of America.
3. Advancement within the troop must be in conformity with the policies and procedures of the Boy Scouts of America. Each boy must be approved by a Troop Board of Review in order to advance in rank.
4. All applications for Boy Scout advancement submitted to the Council office must have the proper name of the Scout, the designation of the award earned and the required signatures of the Board of Review members. Advancement Report form #34403B is available from the Council Service Center.
5. At some point after the Boy Scout has reached the rank of Life, the Scoutmaster or Advancement person should contact the Service Center to obtain a copy of the Scout's Eagle application, which is printed from ScoutNet with the boy's entered advancement records already on it.
6. The District Advancement Committee must:
  - A. Review and approve all Eagle Scout service project plans *before* a Scout begins the project. The project must first be approved by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee.
  - B. Be present and serve as a voting member when a Troop conducts an Eagle Scout Board of Review. The Council Advancement Representative (or District Representative) must be notified by the Troop fourteen days before the occurrence of the Board of Review and must receive a copy of the completed application prior to the Board of Review.

The Eagle application #58-728A (2008 revision), or the application obtained from the Service Center, must be supported with the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook #18-927E (2008 revision).
7. It is recommended that one committee member of each Troop be assigned the responsibility for the unit advancement procedures and the District provide at least one training opportunity annually.
8. It is the policy of the Council that without the prior written consent of the District Advancement Committee Chairman:
  - A. No person may be approved to counsel more than eight merit badges.
  - B. No boy may receive more than five merit badges from a single counselor.
  - C. No boy may be tested and approved for a merit badge by a member of his immediate family.
9. All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

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