Troop 82
Life to Eagle Process
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TROOP 82 EAGLE PROCESS OVERVIEW
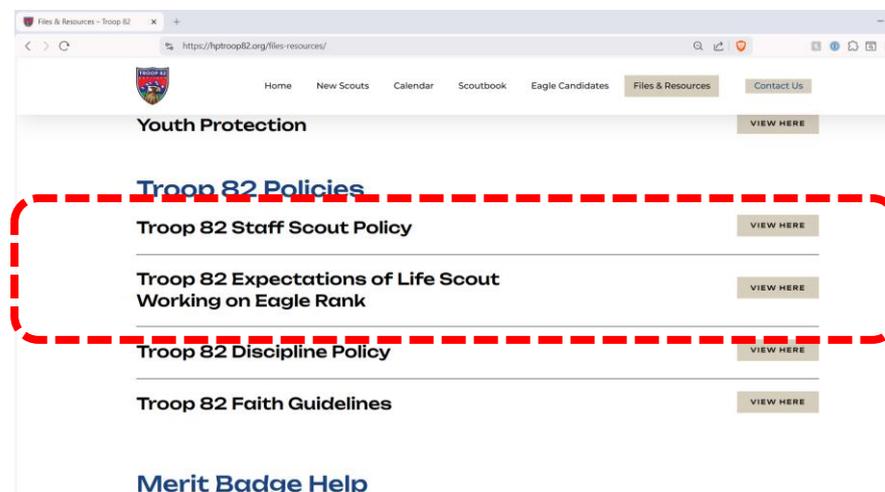
1,107 Troop 82 Eagle Scouts and counting…

- Tip 1 – Go to the Troop 82 website and devour the Eagle Candidates page

- Tip 2 – Print and follow the Eagle Scout Project Checklist

- Tip 3 – ***FOLLOW THE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CHECKLIST!!!***

- Prospective Eagle Scouts can get sidetracked on their project when they move too quickly, complete their project or steps out of order without required signoffs, and then have to redo things later

- Scouts should understand that the Eagle project process takes time – often several months – and that they need to be planning far in advance if they want to complete their Eagle Rank by a target date

- Troop 82 is very good at supporting scouts through their Eagle process, but be sure to use those resources including your Company Scoutmaster, the Eagle Project Chair, your Eagle Coach, and your District Representative

LIFE SCOUT CONSIDERATIONS

- All Life Scouts must continue to meet the expectations outlined on the Troop 82 website, including the Staff Scout Policy and Expectations of Life Scout Working on Eagle Rank, especially the **three meetings** and **one campout** per semester participation requirements

- Scouts that are turning 18 within the next two semesters need to **proactively** coordinate with their CSM, Eagle Coach, and other adult volunteers to map out a plan to complete their Eagle Project and Application before their 18th birthday

- Troop 82 works with Scouts to help them meet deadlines, but it is ultimately the Scout's responsibility to complete the Eagle requirements prior to his 18th birthday

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS…

- Scout works with CSM or Troop leaders to get ideas on organizations to work with as a beneficiary; many scouts choose non-profits, churches, schools, or city officials that they have an existing relationship with

- Contact a beneficiary and work with them to scope out a potential Eagle Project, which needs to contribute something substantial to their community that requires preparation and leadership; your CSM is very experienced in getting a project scope "correct" … not too much but not too little

- Scout submits their summary project scope to the eagle@hptroop82.org team and copies his CSM

- When the CSM approves the project scope, the Scout is assigned an Eagle Coach, who are generally adults that have sons in or already completed their Eagle Rank in Troop 82

- Scout puts together his Eagle Notebook and works with his Eagle Coach, beneficiary, and CSM to refine his project scope into a ***"Project Proposal"*** which is a specific form used by all Scouts in crafting their Eagle Project Proposals

- The scout also must get the signatures of their Coach, beneficiary, and CSM on their Project Proposal

- Scout then submits a request to the local Scouting District to be assigned a District Representative on his Eagle Project; the Scout will meet with the District Rep, potentially multiple times, to get their input, approval, and <u>physical signature</u> on their Project Proposal

- **ALL OF THIS TAKES A LONG TIME! IT REQUIRES THE SCOUT TO REGULARLY COMMUNICATE WITH ADULTS, SET MEETING TIMES, RESPOND TO EMAILS, FOLLOW UP, AND TRACK DOWN PEOPLE WHO ARE BUSY!! DO NOT EXPECT TO GET THIS DONE IN A WEEK, IT WILL GENERALLY TAKE MONTHS TO GET YOUR PROPOSAL READY FOR APPROVAL**

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS (continued)...

- Once the Scout's Project Proposal is fully approved, he then must complete the **"Project Plan"** in coordination with his Coach and CSM

- The Project Plan is also a specific form in the Scout Eagle Workbook, and requires the scout to complete detailed plans on the project work, budget, safety, and volunteer management; the Project Plan must be signed by the Coach and completed *before* the Eagle Project

- THEN the Scout completes his Eagle Project! (Take lots of before and after photos!)

- After the Eagle Project is complete, the Scout then must complete the **"Project Report"** which reviews the service project outcome in detail

- The Scout then gets his Coach and beneficiary to sign off on the report

- The Scout has several other requirements to be met before his Eagle Board of Review including the completion of the Eagle application, downloading his merit badge record from Scoutbook to confirm completion of the required 21 badges, adult reference letters, writing a life ambitions statement, and a personal bio for the Court of Honor program

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS (continued)...

- When the Scout has completed every element of his project and application, he schedules a Scoutmaster Conference with his CSM in which he discusses every element of his Scouting experience and secures his Scoutmaster signature on his Eagle application

- Then the Scout must schedule a meeting with the Troop Committee Chairperson to discuss his Eagle application and get the signature of the Committee Chairperson

- The Scout sends a color-scanned copy of his application to eagle@hptroop82.org

- Troop leadership coordinates approval of his application with the District subject to a successful Eagle Board of Review

- The Eagle Board of Review includes adults associated with the Troop and District who speak with the Scout to confirm that his Eagle project and scouting experience is worthy of the Eagle Rank

- The members of the Board of Review sign off on the Eagle Application and submit it to Nationals

- At the end-of-semester Troop 82 Court of Honor, the Scout is welcomed into the Eagle family

KEY EAGLE PROCESS DELIVERABLES

Eagle Project Proposal	Eagle Project Plan	Eagle Project Report	Eagle Rank Application
Permission to do the proposed project	*Detailed plan of how you are going to do the project*	*Detailed discussion of how the project went and what was accomplished*	*Apply for Eagle Rank and document all requirements met*

KEY SPRING 2026 DATES & POINTS

- Friday, February 6 @ 5:00 PM sharp – Submission deadline for Eagle applications for the first Eagle Board of Review on February 25

- Wednesday, February 25 – First planned Eagle Board of Review; this BoR may be waived if there are not enough candidates to warrant this meeting

- Friday, February 27 @ 5:00 PM sharp – Submission deadline for Eagle applications for the final Eagle Board of Review on March 25

- Wednesday, March 25 – Final Eagle Board of Review of the semester

- Board of Review logistics overseen by Heather Anding at t82bor@gmail.com

- Court of Honor is Monday, May 4

3 PHASES OF LIFE TO EAGLE

- PHASE 1 – Before the Eagle Project

- PHASE 2 – The Eagle Project

- PHASE 3 – After the Eagle Project

PHASE 1 – BEFORE THE EAGLE PROJECT

- Watch and rewatch "Life to Eagle Webinar" Troop 82 on website

- Print and review "Life to Eagle Checklist" on Troop 82 website

- Speak to your CSM on Eagle requirements and get advice on potential

- Login into Scoutbook to review and verify your merit badge status and confirm plan to finish any remaining merit badges **BEFORE** your target Board of Review date

- Verify with CSM on Eagle requirements

- Be mindful of age 18 deadline

- Understand Communication Protocols, <u>copy your parents on all emails and texts</u>

GO TO hptroop82.org/eagle-candidates/

REVIEW THE [T82 EAGLE WEBINAR](https://hptroop82.org/eagle-candidates/)

REVIEW THE LIFE TO EAGLE CHECKLIST

LIFE TO EAGLE CHECKLIST

Troop 82 Life to Eagle Process Checklist rev 3/22

	Action	Notes
1.	Watch the Troop 82 Life to Eagle Webinar at the following link: https://youtu.be/AGYQ8-W6N3o	
2.	Verify with your Company Scoutmaster (CSM) that you have met, or will soon meet, the following requirements: • Six months active as Life Scout (Eagle Requirement 1) • Demonstrate Scout Spirit (Eagle Requirement 2) • Six months in an approved Position of Responsibility (Eagle Requirement 4)	Life Scouts are expected to remain active and engaged in the Troop. Please discuss the expectations with your CSM and read "Expectations of Life Scouts Working on Eagle" found in the Eagle Dropbox folder.
3.	If there is any urgency to completing the Eagle process, please discuss the feasibility and timeline with your CSM	Projects must generally be started a <u>minimum</u> of four months before the Court of Honor and must be completed at least 8-10 weeks before the desired Court of Honor.
4.	Complete any remaining merit badges so that you have a total of at least 21 (Eagle Requirement 3)	These do <u>not</u> have to be completed before Eagle project work begins.

Outlines all of the steps for a Scout to follow to complete the Eagle rank requirements, including every required process milestone and deliverable

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PHASE 2 – THE EAGLE PROJECT

- Come up with idea for Eagle Project – "Getting Started on Your Eagle Project" on website

- Get approval from Troop 82 on Eagle Project summary proposal

- Hereon, **print out and follow step by step by step** the "Eagle Scout Project Checklist" on the website

- *The Eagle Team cannot overstate how important it is to follow the Eagle Scout Checklist precisely; almost every question we receive from scouts and parents is on the checklist, and every time a Scout Eagle Project hits a snag it is because the Scout omitted or completed a step out of order*

- Once Eagle Project is completed, complete the Eagle Scout Service Project Report

- Finally, submit "Eagle Application" to Troop 82

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REVIEW THE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CHECKLIST

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CHECKLIST

Troop 82 Eagle Scout Project Checklist rev 3/22

Phase 1 – Project Selection/Initial Workbook Preparation

☐ **Step 1.1** – Please refer to the "Getting Started on Your Eagle Project" file on Troop 82's website at http://hptroop82.org/eaglecandidates.html.

Once you have selected a project, please write a brief summary (no more than one page) of the project that includes 1) information on the beneficiary, 2) a short description of the project, and 3) how your project will benefit the beneficiary. Send the summary to the Troop 82 Eagle Chair at eagle@hptroop82.org with a copy to your Company Scoutmaster (CSM). The Eagle Chair will respond in a reasonable amount of time and provide you with the name of your Eagle Coach and his contact information.

☐ **Step 1.2** – Begin to keep a log of the hours you spend on this project as well as hours spent by any of your volunteers. This information will be needed at the completion of your project.

☐ **Step 1.3** – Purchase a 3-ring binder to retain all documents you create relating to your Eagle project. Create a cover for your binder using the sample cover saved in Dropbox. Add tabbed sections to help keep you organized. The tabbed sections should include the following or something similar:
- ▪ Project Proposal
- ▪ Project Plan
- ▪ Project Report
- ▪ Other

Consider the Eagle Scout Checklist to be a "sub-checklist" to the Life to Eagle Checklist. It details every step that a Scout must follow and complete on the Eagle Project. Print this out, review it regularly, and follow it to the letter.

KEY MATERIALS AND EXAMPLES IN THE TROOP EAGLE SCOUT [DROPBOX LINK](#)

DROPBOX PAGE HAS KEY RESOURCES AND INSTRUCTIONS ON EAGLE STEPS

- [Getting Started on Your Eagle Project](#) helps with project ideas

- [Information for Eagle References](#) provides template to request references

- [Information on Signatures Needed in Workbook](#) clarifies all of the signatures required in the Eagle process

- [Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project for Beneficiary](#) is information to give beneficiaries to help them understand the Eagle Project

- Examples of Court of Honor [program bios](#) and [life ambition statements](#)

EAGLE APPLICATION GUIDANCE

The Eagle Rank Application must be filled out precisely to be accepted by Nationals; review the T82 webpage link and ask your CSM for guidance on questions

PHASE 3 – AFTER THE EAGLE PROJECT

- Complete remaining housekeeping items
  - Ambitions & Life Purpose statement
  - Bio for Court of Honor
  - Compile Eagle Project binder with all signatures
  - Letters of Recommendations
- Request a Scoutmaster Conference for final signatures
- Once completed, scan and email the Eagle Application .pdf file to Troop 82 for BSA approval
- The Troop Eagle Team will process your application with District and schedule your Board of Review upon approval from National
- Celebrate your efforts at Court of Honor!

QUESTIONS?

Email: eagle@hptroop82.org

Goal is 24-hour maximum turnaround to all emails at above email address!!

Eagle Chair is your resource for any and all questions!!