

Eagle Scout - Project Fundraising Policy

In a Nutshell

1. **With an approved Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application**, Eagle candidates may ask for donations of materials or discounts on materials from companies or individuals. The candidate must furnish a list of prospective donors with their fundraising application, per National policy, for Council approval before soliciting the material donations or discounts. Candidates may also hold fundraising events, such as car washes, meat stick sales, and the like, with an approved application.
 2. Eagle candidates are **not** permitted, per National policy, to ask for monetary donations, from anyone or any business outside of the **Exception List** below.
 3. Eagle candidates are not permitted, per National policy, to ask anyone or any business for donations of materials or discounts from anyone or any business outside of the **Exception List** below, unless they have a Council APPROVED Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application.
 4. An Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application is not required to solicit assistance as specified in the **Exception List** below.
 5. Scouts working on their Eagle project are permitted to use “crowdfunding” sites to raise funds for materials, equipment rental, professional services, etc.
 6. An Eagle project doesn't have to cost a lot to be meaningful. Eagle projects carried out with minimal, if any expense, are always preferred to those with high price tags. The BSA prefers there not be any fundraising at all for an Eagle project. That said, the BSA knows low-price projects aren't always a realistic goal.
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Exception List

Per National policy, Eagle Candidates **may ask for monetary and material donations** from the following sources, **without** submitting an Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application or other permission.

- The Scout
- The Scout's parents or relatives
- The Scout's unit
- Chartered Organization
- Members or parents of members of the scout's unit
- From the beneficiary of the project

Per Council policy, Eagle Candidates **may ask for discounts** on materials from the following businesses **without** submitting an Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application or other permission. This does not include asking for donations (free stuff).

- Home Depot
- Lowe's Home Improvement

All other sources require the form be submitted and approved before fundraising efforts taking place; this includes donations of money, material donations and/ or discounts on materials.

FAQs

When do I need to submit an Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application?

- When requesting donations or discounts for supplies and materials from people or organizations other than those in the **Exception List** above.
- When something is to be sold to raise money for an Eagle Scout service project.
- When an event is to be held, or service is to be offered, such as a car wash, to raise money for an Eagle Scout service project.

Where do I get the Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Applications?

A. The fundraising application can be found in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, on the 22nd and 23rd pages.

Who should I submit my Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application to, for approval?

A. Fundraising forms are to be submitted to your District Advancement Committee, usually to your District Eagle Board Chair when attending your Eagle Project Proposal review.

Do I have to turn my Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application in at the same time my project proposal is reviewed for approval?

A. No. You may submit your Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application at a later date, but you must have an approved fundraising application before you begin fundraising activities.

Can I ask for monetary (money) donations from people or friends?

A. No. You may NOT ask for monetary donations from any person, except those in the **Exception List** above.

Can I ask for monetary (money) donations from businesses?

A. No. You may NOT ask for monetary donations from any business or organization, except those in the **Exception List** above.

Can I ask for donations of materials and supplies from friends?

A. Yes, with an approved Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application, which must be approved BEFORE asking for discounts or donations.

Is crowdfunding allowed in Chattahoochee Council?

A. Yes. The Chattahoochee Council will allow “crowdfunding” for fundraising of Eagle Projects. Please refer to The Guide to Advancement 2021, section 9.0.2.10 regarding “crowdfunding” via the internet. The Scout, the Scout’s parent or guardian, and the Unit Leader should be aware that fees may be involved and that fundraising for an Eagle project may or may not comply with the website’s terms of service. It is important that someone in a position of responsibility reads and understands the website’s “fine print.”

Can I ask Home Depot or Lowe’s for discounts on materials without submitting an Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application?

A. Yes. The Chattahoochee Council allows you to request discounts on materials from Home Depot and Lowe’s without a fundraising application. This is not to be confused with asking for donations (free stuff), which would require an approved Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application.

Are there some exceptions regarding discounts or donation of materials?

A. If you are given a discount at the time of purchasing materials that you did not ask for, it is okay to accept it, and the form is not required.

Likewise, if you are offered scrap or leftover materials, without asking for them, you may accept it and you do not need to submit an application as you did not solicit the materials, rather it was merely offered to you.

What must be done with proceeds left over from fundraising or donations?

A. All proceeds left over from fundraising or donations, whether money, materials, supplies, etc., regardless of the source, go to the beneficiary.

If the beneficiary is not allowed, for whatever reason, to retain any excess funds or materials, etc., the beneficiary should designate a suitable charity to receive them, or allow the unit to retain them. The unit must not influence this decision.

Is there anything that a Scout should make clear when accepting donation and/or discounts?

A. You must make it clear to all donors of materials, those offering a discount, or event participants that the money/materials are being raised on behalf of the project beneficiary, which will retain any leftover funds or materials.

How does a Scout provide documentation of a gift?

A. Should any donor want documentation of a gift, this must be provided through the project beneficiary not the Boy Scouts of America, your unit, or council.