

# Celebration! – After Your Board of Review

## Congratulations on your Eagle Scout Rank!

### Resources & Associations

Now that you have been awarded the distinguished rank of Eagle, here are some helpful resources to help you celebrate your accomplishment and keep you involved.



#### **National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) –**

As an Eagle Scout, you will be eligible for membership in the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA). This organization of Eagle Scouts serves and supports those who have attained Scouting's highest rank. One of the things they do is publish a newsletter that keeps Eagle Scouts informed about special opportunities for Eagle Scouts such as scholarships, special recognitions, special events, staff opportunities, and participation as the Eagle Scout representative in the National Science Foundation programs in Antarctica. Memberships are for five years, and many troops present a NESA membership to an Eagle Scout at their Court of Honor.



#### [National Eagle Scout Association Application](#)

#### **National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships**

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) offers more than 150 scholarships to Eagle Scouts through various [Eagle Scout scholarship funds](#). These scholarships vary in size from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

### Annual Chattahoochee Council Banquet

Each year the Chattahoochee Council hosts the Silver Beaver and Eagle Banquet inviting all the members of the Eagle Class, who earned their Eagle Rank in the prior year, to a banquet to be formally recognized. The banquet is normally scheduled in the month of February.

### Planning Your Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Once you have passed your board of review, then you can start planning your court of honor. You will probably want to work closely with your Scoutmaster, parents, and other troop leaders. Some troops have an adult leader specifically designated to help plan courts of honor. This will be your special day. Good planning can make it very special. If you have friends who will be receiving their Eagle awards soon, you may want to do a joint court of honor.

### Scheduling

You should plan your court of honor at least 6 weeks after your board of review. The official national policy states that "The Eagle Scout court of honor should not be scheduled until the local council receives the Eagle Scout rank credentials." This review and credential process normally takes three to four weeks but could take longer. Your troop also has a lot of work to do to request and receive the recognitions that will be presented at the court of honor.

# Invitations

You should send invitations to the people who have made it possible for you to reach this prestigious achievement. You may want to invite important people in the community such as government officials. There is a printed invitation cover available from the Boy Scouts, or you may want to design your own. There are also many sources for Eagle Scout invitations, congratulations, and thank you cards available on the web. Be sure to send out invitations at least 4 weeks in advance.

# Mentor

The new Eagle Presentation Kit that includes your Eagle Scout medal, patch, Mom pin and Dad pin also includes a Mentor pin. You should discuss with your Scoutmaster and other leaders working with you in planning your Court of Honor who you might recognize by presenting this recognition. It might be a leader in your troop who worked with you through the Eagle Scout process, or it might be someone from the organization you were doing the project for who was very helpful to you in the planning and preparation. There is no requirement that it must be presented to anyone.

# Ideas for planning

Many resources are available to help you plan your Court of Honor. Talk to other Scouts from your troop or other troops who have been through the process. Your Scoutmaster and other adult leaders in your troop can be very valuable.

<http://www.eaglescout.org/finale/coh/coh.html> contains a collection of information for planning your Court of Honor, including invitations, physical arrangements, recognitions, and themes.

<http://www.eaglescout.org/scouter/EagleBook.pdf> is an excellent resource for ideas on planning an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

<http://www.eaglescout.org/scouter/scouter.html> is a collection of resources primarily directed towards adult Scouters who are supporting Scouts working towards or finishing up the Eagle process.

<http://www.eaglebook.com/book.htm> is a site that offers a book for sale called *The Eagle Court of Honor Book*.

<http://www.macscouter.com/Eagle/index.html> has references to several good sources for information.

# Recognitions

Often one of the highlights of an Eagle ceremony is the presentation of letters of recognition from dignitaries and famous people who are Eagle Scouts. This is usually handled by your Scoutmaster, or another adult leader in the troop. You can pass this information along. There are many sources of recognition names on the web. Be aware that all such lists get out of date quickly. Check that for elected officials you are still writing to the current office holder, and for the correct district. Some sources for information are:

<http://usscouts.org/eagle/eaglecongrats.asp>

<http://usscouts.org/eagle/specialrecs.asp>

<http://www.eaglescout.org/finale/coh/invite.html>

Don't forget local officials. Township supervisors and Managers, School Superintendents, County Commissioners, and State Representatives and State Senators often will attend Eagle Courts of Honor if asked or get certificates from the State Legislature.

## American Legion Eagle Scout Scholarship

The America Legion provides [four scholarships](#) ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to Eagle Scouts for their educational pursuits.

## National Jewish Committee on Scouting

Eagle Scouts of the Jewish faith, who are seniors in high school, can apply for [three \\$1,000 Eagle Scout scholarships](#).

## National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

This [\\$10,000 scholarship](#) is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their nineteenth birthday during the year of application. Runner-up scholarships are available.

## Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Scout of the Year Award

This [award](#) provides public recognition to Eagle Scouts who have succeeded in their Scouting careers, as well as the community, and provides scholarship funds to support furthering the Scout's education.

## The Marine Corp League Good Citizenship Award

The [Marine Corps League - Scouting Good Citizenship Award \(mcldeptofga.org\)](#) was designed to congratulate and give recognition to those Scouts who have fulfilled the requirements and obtained the highest award, their Eagle Scout Rank. Often a representative of the Marine Corp League will personally present this award at a Court of Honor.

One very special opportunity is to present an American flag flown over the United States Capital building in honor of the Eagle Scout. This can be arranged through your congressman. There may be a cost for this flag or there may not. Call your congressman's office to get the details of costs and how the check should be made out. As an idea, if it can be scheduled at least three weeks in advance, ask to have the flag flown on the day of the board of review, so the date on the flag certificate matches the date on the Eagle credentials.