

BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Subject: Request for Confidential Letter of Recommendation for Eagle Scout Rank

Re: EAGLE CANDIDATE _____ TROOP _____

Dear Friend of Scouting,

The above candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout has submitted your name as a reference on his Eagle Scout Rank Application. Bearing in mind that the Scouting Movement challenges in youth the development of the finest in character and citizenship, please take a few moments to write a personal letter of recommendation for this candidate. Your letter will be used in the Eagle Scout Board of Review to assist in determination of awarding the Eagle Scout Rank, the highest rank that can be bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America, and will be held in confidence by the Board.

You may wish to reflect on and address the following issues: Does the candidate accept trust and responsibility, exhibit leadership qualities, provide an example and influence for good on other youth, display a willingness to help others, exhibit respect and courteousness, punctuality, cheerfulness, and tolerance toward others who differ with his opinion? From your knowledge, does the candidate exemplify the ideals expressed in the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life?

Scout Oath: On my Honor, I will do my best to do my Duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law: A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Kindly be candid and honest in your appraisal of this young man. The granting of this highest award of the Boy Scouts of America before the Scout is fully qualified for it may prove detrimental to his development. It will be to the Scout's best interest if you are impartial in assisting the Board of Review with this important decision. Kindly address anything his Board of Review can impress on the candidate that would be of service to him.

Please indicate how long you have known the candidate and in what capacity. Please include your phone number in the event that the Board would need to contact you.

If you have any questions, contact me, the Advancement Chairperson, _____ at the following number: _____.

Please return your letter to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, indicating "Attention: Eagle Candidate's Name Reference" on the front. Return of letters is requested by _____.

Thank you.

Troop 719 Advancement Chairperson