Scouting America

Greater Alabama Council

Eagle Scout Letter of Reference

An Eagle Scout candidate must demonstrate that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath, and Law in his daily life. In this regard, the candidate has indicated that you know him personally, and that you would be willing to provide a letter of reference on his behalf. On the reverse side of this letter there are additional instructions and a copy of the Scout Oath and Law for your reference in preparing this letter. Please note that the contents of the letter will NOT be shown to or discussed with the candidate, nor with anyone not a member of the Eagle Scout Board of Review.

Eagle Candidate's Name: _____ Your relationship: _____

Length of time you have known the candidate: _____

Dear Eagle Board of Review:

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☐ See additional attached pages

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My Name   *Date*

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Signature   *Telephone*

Instructions to Scout: *Everyone you listed on your Eagle application in requirement #2 should write a letter of reference. These letters are confidential and should not to be returned directly to you. They should be sent or delivered in a sealed envelope with your name to your Unit Leader or Committee person designated to collect these letters.*

Instructions to Letter of Reference Writer: *This letter of reference should be based upon your personal interaction with the Eagle Scout candidate and should take into consideration your observance of how he exemplifies the points listed below in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. If you need more space than is provided on this sheet, you may attach additional pages.* ***The letter should not be given to the Scout.*** *Please address and send your letter to the mailing address listed below:*

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Name of Unit Leader or designee

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c/o <Scouts Name> Letter of Reference

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Address of Unit Leader or designee

Thank you for taking time to write this letter.

> *For example, references letters for Eagle candidate John Doe should be addressed to Unit Leader William Boyce as follows:*
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> *William Boyce*
> *c/o John Doe Letter of Reference*
> *1910 Baden-Powell Highway*
> *Irving, TX 12345*

The 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.

The Scout Law: (A Scout is….)

TRUSTWORTHY	A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a Part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.
LOYAL	A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.
HELPFUL	A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.
FRIENDLY	A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.
COURTEOUS	A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.
KIND	A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.
OBEDIENT	A Scout follows the rules of his family school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.
CHEERFUL	A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.
THRIFTY	A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.
BRAVE	A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.
CLEAN	A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.
REVERENT	A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.