Date

Dear

***CANDIDATE’s NAME***, a Life Scout in ***UNIT TYPE / #***, is a candidate for the Rank of Eagle Scout.

As the final step in the process of determining the qualifications for the rank of Eagle Scout, an Eagle Scout Board of Review must be conducted. The Board of Review will discuss, with the Scout, their achievements as a Scout, and in their daily life, and determine if they meet the requirements for the high rank of Eagle Scout.

Requirements include a series of advancements, the earning of at least 21 Merit Badges, and evidence of leadership skills. A candidate for Eagle Scout must serve in one or more leadership positions in the Troop, and must plan, develop, and lead others in a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, or other community organization not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America.

An Eagle Scout candidate must also demonstrate that they live by the principles of the Scout Oath, and Law in their daily life. In this regard, the candidate has indicated that you know them personally, and that you would be willing to provide a letter of recommendation on their behalf.

I have enclosed, a copy of the Scout Oath and Law for your reference in preparing the letter. Please note that the contents of the letter will NOT be shown to or discussed with the candidate or with anyone not a member of the Eagle Scout Board of Review.

If you are willing to do so, please send a letter, or complete the included recommendation form in the enclosed envelope or go to <http://bit.ly/hceaglerecommend>. If you are unwilling to provide such a letter, please contact us as soon as possible, at (203) 734-3329.

Sincerely,

John A. Zseller II

Scout Executive

Housatonic Council

***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.

**A Scout is LOYAL.** [A](mailto:AScout@truetohisfamdyfriendsScoutleaders) [Sc](mailto:AScout@truetohisfamdyfriendsScoutleaders)[out is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders](mailto:AScout@truetohisfamdyfriendsScoutleaders), school, nation, and world community.

**A Scout is HELPFUL.** A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is 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

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is CHEERFUL.** A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is BRAVE.** A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what be thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is REVERENT.** A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

**Eagle Candidate Recommendation Survey**

Name of Eagle Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You have been selected by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to provide a letter of recommendation. Please submit a letter or complete the below survey to convey to the Eagle Scout Board of Review your recommendation.

1. How do you know the Eagle Candidate and for how long?
2. Does the Eagle Candidate display Responsibility?
3. Does the Eagle Candidate show Leadership?
4. Does the Eagle Candidate portray your vision of what an Eagle Scout should be?
5. As young adult how does the Eagle Candidate stand out from others in day to day life?
6. From your experience with the Eagle Candidate do you feel they would make a good Eagle Scout. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
7. Please add any additional comments that you feel make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a good Eagle Candidate.

Signature of Person Completing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please return the completed form to the Housatonic Council, 111 New Haven Avenue, Derby, CT 06418*