

Eagle Scout Service Project Coach Application

Use of this form is determined by the local council. See back page for additional information.

(Please type or print.)

Name _____ Unit type _____ Unit No. _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL (Troop, Team, Crew, or "N/A")

Address _____ BSA member ID No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Council _____

Email _____ District _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Ext. _____

(Please check a box to indicate your preferred contact number.)

Current Scouting position(s) _____ Youth Protection expiration ____/____/____

To qualify as an Eagle Scout service project coach, you must:

- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America in any adult position.
- Be current in **BSA Youth Protection** training.
- Be knowledgeable about the Eagle Scout service project process.
- Be willing to work with and coach Scout-age boys.
- View "**The Eagle Scout Service Project Coach**" advancement educational presentation (scouting.org/advancement) either online or in an instructor-led presentation, as determined by your council advancement committee.
- Be approved as an Eagle Scout service project coach, as determined by your council advancement committee.

As an Eagle Scout service project coach, I agree to:

- Follow BSA policies and procedures as described in the **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook** and in section 9 of the **Guide to Advancement**.
- Follow **BSA Youth Protection** policies at all times.
- Use the BSA method of positive adult association, logic, and common sense to help the candidate make wise decisions.
- Help Scouts develop their project plan by discussing strengths, weaknesses, and risks without dictating changes, withdrawing approval, or taking any other such directive action.

Describe your experience or training relevant to serving as an Eagle Scout service project coach.

Experience working with Scout-age youth:

Experience managing or organizing projects or assisting others to do so:

Other applicable training and experience (teaching, coaching youth sports, mentoring youth, volunteering in the community, etc.):

I have viewed "**The Eagle Scout Service Project Coach**" advancement educational presentation. Date: ____/____/____

I agree to follow the policies and procedures in the **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook** and the **Guide to Advancement**.

I approve sharing my contact information with Scouts.

I approve sharing my contact information on the district or council website, according to BSA guidelines.

Applicant's signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

Recommendation by a representative of the district or council advancement committee: Date: ____/____/____

Name _____ Signature _____ Phone (____) _____

Council/district approval to serve for: Council at large District _____ Unit _____

Name _____ Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

Using the Eagle Scout Service Project Coach Application

1. The use of this form is optional. Councils may choose to use it or they may create their own form and process sufficient to meet their needs.
2. This form may be used by councils and districts to gather information from individuals willing to serve as service project coaches. The information collected will be used to review a candidate's background, experience, and understanding of the Eagle Scout service project process before being approved to serve as a service project coach. This form is not applicable for unit-designated "mentors" or "advisors" described below.
3. It is up to the council to determine:
 - Who may serve as designated project coaches
 - How to organize a pool of willing volunteers
 - How to assign designated coaches to candidates
4. Unit "mentors" or "advisors":
 - Are not the same as designated coaches
 - Often provide positive contributions
 - Provide support with project planning and execution
 - Prepare Scouts to work with designated coaches
5. Comparison of Responsibilities and Expectations

	Unit Life to Eagle "Mentor"	Eagle Scout Service Project Coach
Term	Entire Life-to-Eagle process	From proposal approval through project report
Focus	Successful achievement of the Eagle Scout rank	Successful fulfillment of Eagle Scout rank requirement 5
Appointment	Usually by the unit	By the council or district
Relationship	Longer-term	Shorter-term
Approach	Coaching and mentoring in general	Coaching and consulting on the project

6. The role of the coach:
 - A coach's advice is a key to success.
 - Serves as an advisor, consultant, and coach
 - Is a resource, encouraging the candidate to fully plan his project, secure resources, and to make wise decisions
 - Uses positive adult association, logic, and common sense to help the candidate to reach a successful outcome
7. Guidelines for coaches:
 - Adheres to the Eagle Scout service project process as described in *Guide to Advancement* topic 9.0.2.9.
 - Has no authority to dictate changes or to withdraw approval that was previously granted.
 - Strives to make his or her involvement a positive experience.
 - Encourages the Eagle candidate to make the kinds of decisions that will lead to successful outcomes.

For more information on the Eagle Scout service project coach, see *Guide to Advancement* topic 9.0.2.9.