



Eagle Rank

The Board of Review for the Eagle Rank is different from the other Boards of Review in which the Scout has participated. The members of the Board of Review are not all from his Troop Committee.

Introductions are essential, and a few "break in" questions may be appropriate. At this point, the goal is to understand the Scout's full Scouting experience, and how others can have similar meaningful Scouting experiences. Scouting principles and goals should be central to the Scout's life; look for evidence of this. Although this is the final rank, this is not the end of the Scouting trail; "Once an Eagle, always

an Eagle". Explore how this Eagle Scout will continue with Scouting activities, and continued service to his home, church, and community. The approximate time for this Board of Review should be 30 - 50 minutes.

Personal Data... *(good ice breaker)*

1. What is your full name?
2. How old are you?
3. With whom do you live?
4. What do you do to make your home a pleasant place to live?
5. Who do you feel is responsible for you being before us today?
6. What are your hobbies? What do you do in your spare time?
7. What do you consider to be your strongest attribute? Why?
8. What do you consider to be your greatest weakness? What are you doing to overcome this weakness?
9. How does Scouting influence your interactions with people?
10. How are you different now, then when you joined Scouting?
11. Have you ever entered into a competition that you knew you would win "hands-down", only to come out second in the end? Any competition, sports...band...individual events. How did you handle it?
12. If you had the opportunity to meet and talk for an hour with any person in the world (alive or dead)... who would it be and what would you ask that person?

What Do You Think...

{Please stand, give the Scout Sign, and SLOWLY recite the Scout Oath and Law... as you do contemplate each point carefully}

13. Of the twelve (12) points in the Scout Law, which one (1) is the most important to you? Why?
14. Let's say BSA decided to shorten the Scout Law, and you had to eliminate one (1) of the twelve (12) points. Which would you eliminate and why? If you could, what would you replace that point with?
15. What is "Honor"? What does it mean when you say "On My Honor"?
16. What does "A Scout is Reverent" mean to you?
17. What does it mean to be an Eagle Scout? What burdens and responsibilities come with being Eagle? Once an Eagle... An Eagle for life...Are you prepared for this?
18. What is an Eagle Scout's duty to his country?
19. How do you feel that becoming an Eagle might affect your life?
20. What constitutes a "Good Turn" for you? Tell me about a Good Turn you've done recently.
21. How do you keep yourself "Mentally Awake"? "Morally Straight"?

Teamwork...

22. Have you been carrying any additional responsibilities in the Troop since you became Life? What have you done? How did you go about it?
23. What strengths and weaknesses have you noticed in the various Patrols? What would you suggest to correct the weaknesses?
24. What do you think of the Patrol Method? How has the Troop performed in giving the Patrols the support they need?
25. How can the Troop improve on its training of youth leaders?
26. How do you see your role in the Troop changing after becoming an Eagle?

Your Progress...

27. Now that you have at least 21 merit badges, do you think that any one you have earned might lead you into a life's career? Which one?
28. What was the hardest merit badge for you to complete? Why was it so hard? Could the Troop have helped you to make it any easier? Should the Troop have helped you?
29. What do you think you can pass on to the younger Scouts in the Troop? Have you ever thought of looking into becoming a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM) or as an adult an Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)?
30. If a Tenderfoot asked you for help in working on a merit badge, would you help him, send him to someone else, or tell him to concentrate on the skills needed for Second Class? Why would you advise him this way?
31. In the different Scouting leadership positions you have held, do you feel that you did your best at all times to make that job operate the best that you could? If not, what would you do differently?

The Eagle Project...

32. Tell me a little about your Eagle Project.
33. Did you have any difficulty planning your project? How did you choose your project?
34. How did you demonstrate Leadership during your project?
35. What problems did you encounter, and how did you overcome them?
36. What help did you require in completing your project?
37. What suggestions do you have for other eagle candidates looking to start the Eagle Project process?

The Big Picture...

38. What do you consider to be the purpose of the merit badge program?
39. Do you think Scouting has more positive points, or negative points? Why?
40. What is your most memorable Scouting experience?
41. Have you ever felt that any one person (youth or adult) epitomized leadership? What made this person such a strong role model for leadership?
42. If you could send one message to every Scout, what would it be?
43. If for any reason this Board were not to pass you today, what would you do? Assuming you pass, where will you go from here?

** Do you have any questions or concerns of us your board? **

Additional Eagle Scout Sample Review Questions:

What would you suggest adding to the Scout Law (a thirteenth point)? Why?

What one point could be removed from the Scout Law? Why?

Why is it important to learn how to tie knots, and lash together poles and logs?

What is the difference between a "Hollywood hero" and a real hero?

Can you give me an example of someone who is a hero to you? (A real person, not a character in a book or movie.)

Why do you think that the Family Life merit badge was recently added to the list of required merit badges?

What camping experience have you had, that you wish every Scout could have?

Have you been to Philmont or a National (International) Jamboree? What was your most memorable experience there?

What is the role of the Senior Patrol Leader at a troop meeting (campout, summer camp)?

If you could change one thing to improve Scouting, what would you change?

What do you believe our society expects from an Eagle Scout?

The charge to the Eagle requires that you give back to Scouting more than Scouting has given to you. How do you propose to do that?

As an Eagle Scout, what can you personally do to improve your unit?

What will you be doing in your unit, after receiving your Eagle Rank?

Tell us how you selected your Eagle Service Project.

From your Eagle Service Project, what did you learn about managing or leading people?

What are the qualities of a good leader?

What part of your Eagle Service Project was the most challenging? Why?

If you were to manage another project similar to your Eagle Service Project, what would you do differently to make the project better or easier?

What are your future plans (high school, college, trade school, military, career, etc.)?

Tell us about your family (parents, siblings, etc.). How do you help out at home?

What do you think is the single biggest issue facing Scouting in the future?

How do your friends outside of Scouting react when they learn that you are a Boy Scout?

How do you think they will react when they learn that you have become an Eagle Scout?

Why do you think that belief in God (a supreme being) is part of the Scouting requirements?

How do you know when a Scout is "active" in his unit?

You have been in Scouting for many years, sum up all of those experiences in one word. Why?

What one thing have you gained from your Scoutmaster's conferences over the years?

How does an Eagle Scout continue to show Scout Spirit?

If the Scout is a member of the Order of the Arrow:

What does OA membership mean to you? How does OA help Scouting and your unit?

Who brought Scouting from England to the United States? [Answer: William D. Boyce]

[Traditional last questions] Why should this Board of Review approve your request for the Eagle Rank? or Why should you be an Eagle Scout?