

# Advancement

## Overview

Advancement is the method by which we promote and encourage the ongoing involvement and commitment that keeps members coming back for more. It works best when it is built into a unit's program so that simply participating leads to meaningful achievement and recognition—and to a continually improving readiness for more complex experiences.

The council executive board, through its advancement committee and district advancement chairs, is responsible for implementing and facilitating advancement and processing most special awards and recognition's. To initiate the advancement or recognition process, a Scout or Venturer should contact his/her unit's leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Team Coach, Venture Crew Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper).

**Tom Bednarz**

Council Advancement Chair

## Common Questions

**Where can I find the most recent merit badge counselor list?**

The merit badge counselor list is now available in Scoutbook. [Click here](#) to find out more.

**How do I become a merit badge counselor or edit the badges I counsel?**

The Mayflower Council has revised the process to make it easier for those interested in becoming a counselor and those who are currently a counselor looking to change their badges. [Click here](#) to know more.

**Are there any supplementary documents needed to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout?**

Scouts in the process of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout by complete the Eagle Scout Application (for youth who completed requirements before July 1, 2022) Eagle Scout Application (for youth who completed requirements ON OR AFTER July 1, 2022) and Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook found on the National BSA website.

### **What are the important emails and links for Eagle Scouts?**

There is a new process for submitting Eagle Scout project proposals. Please review this document for the most up to date info.

- To Request Joining Date
- To Submit Eagle Scout Application
- To Submit Project Data

### **Is there an award used to recognize extraordinary bravery or meritorious action?**

Visitors interested in recognizing a registered youth or adult who has performed, or attempted to perform, a life-saving act or has performed another a notable act of service that put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals, please visit the Life Saving and Meritorious Action Awards page on the National BSA website.

## **Helpful Links**

- Guide to Advancement
- Advancement & Awards
- Internet Advancement
- Merit Badge Process
- Guide for Merit Badge Counselors
- Finding A Merit Badge Counselor
- Info For New and Existing Merit Badge Counselors.
- Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards
- Scouting with Special Needs: The ISAP & the IEP
- Eagle Scout Project Workbook

- Eagle Scout Application – for youth who completed requirements ON OR AFTER July 1, 2022
- Eagle Scout Application – for youth who completed requirements before July 1, 2022
- How to Prepare Your Eagle Service Project Proposal and Report
- How to Complete Your Eagle Scout Application Form
- Requesting an Extension For Advancement
- Eagle Scout Reference Letter Procedures
- Eagle Suggested News Release
- MA Society Sons of American Revolution Scholarship

## Advancement News



### **Wanted: New Merit Badge Counselors**

March 8th, 2021|

There was a recent purge of merit badge counselors from Scoutbook because many had not renewed their registration last year. With virtual merit badge events happening in the Mayflower Council, we are looking for [...]



## **Life-to-Eagle Seminar Presentation**

March 5th, 2021|

This year, 2021, the council advancement committee has committed to offering five Life-to-Eagle seminars. These seminars are for educating our prospective Eagle Scouts to learn what needs to happen to advance to Eagle Scout. [...]



## Changes in Scoutbook Effective March 1

February 8th, 2021|

Effective March 1, 2021, Scoutbook's leader invite process will perform a check for a BSA issued Member ID and active BSA registration when being invited to connect with the unit roster. Prior to March [...]



## Merit Badge Requirement Updates

January 19th, 2021|

The following merit badges have been updated as of January 1, 2021. Archaeology (4b; requirements 8-11 reordered) Collections (1, 5a, 5c, 5e, 5f; deleted 7; added 3d) Digital Technology (5b) Disability Awareness (1a, 1b) [...]



## **New Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook**

January 19th, 2021|

There is a new Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook available. Please make sure that your Life Scout is using the correct workbook when requesting a project review from the district. Download the new workbook. [...]



## Proposed Eagle Scout Merit Badge Delayed

January 8th, 2021 |

January 7, 2021 The introduction of the proposed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion merit badge is being delayed to allow for the careful consideration and evaluation of feedback received from a wide variety of commenters [...]

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