## 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**



#### Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts Update

August 27th, 2020|

Those connected to the process for the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts should review the updated guidance.



## Rank Advancement and Covid-19: April Update

May 5th, 2020|

COVID-19 FAQ UPDATED 4/13/20 - The most recent updates are indicated by a diamond in front of the question. Advancement Q: How can advancement be tracked remotely? Scouting units should use Scoutbook to record and track [...]



## Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scout Extension

May 5th, 2020|

Details on Extension for Eagle Boards of Review for Those Who Wish to Be in the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts These are historic times for our Movement. The coronavirus pandemic is having a direct impact [...]



## Requesting Extensions for Advancement

March 31st, 2020|

# AND COVID-19



#### Rank Advancement and COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

March 20th, 2020|

Questions and Answers Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting Rank Advancement and COVID-19 The following questions regarding advancement have arisen as we deal with closures, cancellations, or other issues caused by the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Although [...]



#### **Virtual Board of Review Resources**

March 18th, 2020|

Scouting Magazine has recently posted an article regarding using video conferencing to conduct Board of Reviews. Board of Reviews are an integral part of the Advancement program for Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Awards, and Sea [...]

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