

# 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, Crew, Ship, 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 youth.
- 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

	<b>Unit Life to Eagle "Mentor"</b>	<b>Eagle Scout Service Project Coach</b>
<b>Term</b>	Entire Life-to-Eagle process	From proposal approval through project report
<b>Focus</b>	Successful achievement of the Eagle Scout rank	Successful fulfillment of Eagle Scout rank requirement 5
<b>Appointment</b>	Usually by the unit	By the council or district
<b>Relationship</b>	Longer-term	Shorter-term
<b>Approach</b>	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 the 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:
  - Adhere to the Eagle Scout service project process as described in *Guide to Advancement* topic 9.0.2.9.
  - Have no authority to dictate changes or to withdraw approval that was previously granted.
  - Strive to make their involvement a positive experience.
  - Encourage 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.