

## Pathway to the Rockies Council, BSA

Advancement Committee  
4775 Centennial Blvd. Ste 107  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

### **GUIDELINES FOR EAGLE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Roy L. Williams, past Chief Scout Executive, stated; "The list of references of people will speak on the candidate's behalf." The words contained in the letters of recommendation are traditionally a testimonial that the Eagle Scout candidate has indeed achieved the necessary character outside the world of Scouting. This is the only time in a Scout's trail to Eagle that non-scouting persons are asked to formally comment about the Scout's character. Who better to collectively ask than his parents, teachers, religious leaders, acquaintances, and his employer?

In compliance with the Eagle Scout Rank Application requirement 2, the Eagle Scout candidate is asked to make available to the Board of Review a written letter from each of the persons listed on the application. It is the Scouts who lists the references, and it is his decision as to whom they will be as long as they fit the general description, i.e., a religious must be a religious reference, an educational must be an educational reference, etc. There is no procedure that prohibits one person from providing multiple recommendations; neither is there a minimum age for providing recommendations.

If a Scout does not have a job, and thus no employer, he may leave that reference line blank.

If a Scout is not associated with an organized religion, or if he is home-schooled, a parent or guardian provides the religious or educational reference.

The candidate will be provided the appropriate letter forms for each letter of recommendation. This form or a personal letter from the reference is available. These forms are available at the Life to Eagle class, at the council service center, or on the council website. The candidate is responsible for assuring that all his references are given the forms for the letters in sufficient time to allow delivery to the Pikes Peak Council prior to the Board of Review.

All letters will be mailed to: Pathway to the Rockies Council, BSA

Advancement Chairman (list appropriate district/service area)  
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The name of the Eagle Scout should be written on the lower left corner of the envelope. The letters will be opened by the registrar and transported to the Board of Review by the district person who picks up the completed Eagle Scout binders from council. All letters will be read by the Board of Review members only and will be destroyed by the district person upon completion of the Eagle Scout Board of Review and the receipt of the Eagle Scout certification form from the nation office.

The process must be followed even if the Scout runs out of time for a Board of Review and must request that National allows his Board of Review beyond the 180 day period following his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.