Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Scouts BSA.

- In 2019, 61,366 Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- From 1912 to 2019, 2,598,999 Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- In 2019, 8% percent of all Scouts BSA earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- In 2019, the average age of youth earning the Eagle Scout rank was 17.3 years of age.

**Eagle Scout Rank Requirements**

To earn the rank, a Scouts BSA member must:

- Progress through the ranks in the following order:
  - Scout
  - Tenderfoot
  - Second Class
  - First Class
  - Star
  - Life
  - Eagle

- Earn 21 merit badges, including:
  - First Aid
  - Citizenship in the Community
  - Citizenship in the Nation
  - Citizenship in the World
  - Communication
  - Cooking
  - Personal Fitness
  - Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
  - Environmental Science or Sustainability
  - Personal Management
  - Swimming or Hiking or Cycling
  - Camping
  - Family Life

- Serve six months in a position of responsibility.
- Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or their community.
- While a Life Scout, participate in a Scoutmaster conference.
- Successfully complete their board of review for the Eagle Scout rank.
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Scouts BSA members with disabilities may qualify for the Eagle Scout rank by fulfilling alternative requirements as determined by section 10 of the Guide to Advancement.

**National Eagle Scout Association**

- Founded in 1972, the National Eagle Scout Association maintains contact with Eagle Scouts to sustain their interest in Scouting.
- Eagle Scouts in good standing may join.
- Applications for membership and more information is available through:
  - Local council
  - NESA website at www.nesa.org