

# Boy Scouting Requirements

RANK	TENURE	SCOUT SPIRIT	MERIT BADGES	SERVICE	POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY	BOARD OF REVIEW
Boy Scout (joining)	Have completed fifth grade, or be 11, or have earned the Arrow of Light Award, but be younger than 18.	Understand and intend to live by the Scout Oath or Promise and Scout Law; Scout motto; Scout slogan; and Outdoor Code. Know the Scout salute and handclasp and when to use them. Understand the significance of the Scout badge.	None	None	Not applicable	
Tenderfoot	None	Repeat from memory the Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law. Explain the meaning of each point of the Law in your own words. Demonstrate that you have practiced these ideals in your everyday life.	None	None	Not applicable	Troop or team committee
Second Class	None	Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.	None	Participate in an approved service project (minimum of 1 hour).	Not applicable	Troop or team committee
First Class	None	Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.	None	None	Not applicable	Troop or team committee
Star	4 months as a First Class Scout	Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.	Six, including any 4 from the required list for Eagle.	Projects totaling at least 6 hours of work approved by the Scoutmaster.	Serve actively for 4 months in an approved position after earning First Class rank.	Troop or team committee
Life	6 months as a Star Scout	Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.	Five more (11 in all), including any 3 more (7 in all) from the required list for Eagle.	Projects totaling at least 6 hours of work approved by the Scoutmaster.	Serve actively for 6 months in an approved position after earning Star rank.	Troop or team committee
Eagle	6 months as a Life Scout	Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.	Ten more (21 in all), including 5 more from the required list for Eagle (12 in all), with at least 1 in each category.	Plan, develop and give leadership to a significant project. The idea must get proper approvals before work starts.	Serve actively for 6 months in an approved position after earning Life rank.	Troop or team committee, district or council advancement committee (council decides method)
Eagle Palms	3 months after earning Eagle Award or after earning last Palm	Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.	Five more beyond those required for Eagle or last Palm. (Merit badges earned any time since becoming a Boy Scout may be used for this requirement.)	None	Satisfactory effort at demonstrating leadership	Troop or team committee

**Note:** A Scoutmaster conference must be conducted by the Scoutmaster prior to the board of review.