



## **Temporary Transition Rules for Youth Joining Scouts BSA**

On February 1, 2019, the Boy Scouts of America will begin admitting girls into Scouts BSA. One of the characteristics of Scouting is that no matter when you join, however long you stay, or the rank you attain, the Scouting experience prepares you for life. For some, the pinnacle of their Scouting experience is achieving the Eagle Scout Award.

The policies of the BSA indicate that, except in extraordinary circumstances, youth desiring to achieve Eagle rank must do so before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. This will continue to be BSA's policy.

However, it is in the interest of BSA that all girls who join Scouts BSA in 2019 should have the opportunity to earn their Eagle Scout Award should they diligently and promptly complete all requirements. After careful consideration, the National Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America has approved the following temporary transition rules regarding extensions for youth over 16 but not yet 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout Award.

Note that to preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, no exceptions to or waivers of any of the requirements for the Eagle Scout Award are permitted under this limited exception, and all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First-Class Rank in Scouts BSA (as specified in the BSA Guide to Advancement).

BSA has determined that the minimum period of elapsed time to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout rank is approximately 19-20 months. Thus, this extension is not available to any youth under 16 years of age on February 1, 2019 (as they will have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18) nor to any youth who has already turned 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 (as they will be ineligible to join Scouts BSA).

1. Youth 16 years of age or older, but not yet 18, on February 1, 2019 who register as members of Scouts BSA on or before December 31, 2019, may request extensions to complete the Eagle Scout Award requirements after they turn 18 years of age.
2. Requests for extensions must be received no later than thirty (30) days after turning 18 years of age. Extensions must be in writing by submitting the designated form to the National Service Center and the form must be received no later than January 7, 2020. Only the National Council may grant extensions. The actual extension will be based upon the individual's registration date and age at the time of the request and will provide not more than twenty-four months from the date of initial registration to complete all requirements.
3. In the interest of fairness, these temporary transition rules apply to all youth joining Scouts BSA during 2019—both girls and first-time joining boys.

Questions regarding the Extension Request process should be addressed to your District Advancement Committee Chair or to the Pacific Skyline Council Advancement Committee. Please see the attached link for the full text of BSA's Temporary Transition Rules.