



# Eagle Engagement

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## EAGLE SCOUT – A CHERISHED HONOR

**Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting.** On average, over 52,000 Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout per year nationally. In the Pacific Skyline Council, 150 young men earn the prestigious award each year. Around 5% of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout. From 1912 to 2010, two million Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.

### To earn the rank, a Boy Scout must:

- Progress through the Scouting ranks
- Earn 21 merit badges, including 12 required badges.
- Serve six months in a troop leadership position after earning Life.
- Plan, develop, and give leadership to a service project for any non-profit organization, whether religious or school or community affiliated.
- Take part in a Scoutmaster Conference.
- Successfully complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review.

### The Eagle Scout Award

It's Scouting's highest rank and among its most familiar icons.

Men who have earned it count it among their most treasured possessions. Those who missed it by a whisker remember exactly which requirement they didn't complete. Americans from all walks of life know that being an Eagle Scout is a great honor, even if they don't know just what the badge means.

The award is more than a badge. It's a state of being. When asked, you are an Eagle Scout—never were. You may have received the badge as a boy, but you earn it every day as a man. In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, you do your best each day to make your training an example, your rank and your influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in your troop, in your community, and in your contacts with other people. And to this you pledge your sacred honor.

## NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION - NESA

**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 are available through the local council or the NESA Web page [www.nesa.org](http://www.nesa.org)

## RECONNECT – REKINDLE – REENGAGE

**The Pacific Skyline Council is actively reconnecting to local Eagle Scout Alumni.** If you are an Eagle Scout or know of an Eagle Scout, please send their contact information to Kent Downing, Scout Executive at 650-341-5633 or [kent.downing@scouting.org](mailto:kent.downing@scouting.org) to get them in the communication loop for Scouting events, activities and connecting opportunities. The Council offers two connecting opportunities each year for Eagle Scouts.



Combined Scoutreach Units and Eagle Scout Service Project, May 14, 2011

## SCHOLARSHIPS

There are two types of nationally awarded Eagle Scout scholarships. One type is academic scholarships, which include a varying number of \$3,000 scholarships awarded each year by the National Eagle Scout Association, and a varying number of Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke Scholarships. The Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke Scholarships are awarded annually and include four \$20,000 scholarships (payable at \$5,000 per year) and one \$48,000 scholarship (up to \$12,000 payable for four years), plus a varying number of others. Scholarship committees are formed each year in each of the four BSA regions (Northeast, Southern, Central, and Western) to recommend recipients of these scholarships, with the final determination made by the national NESA Scholarship Committee.

The other type of national Eagle Scout scholarship is the Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarship. Each BSA region reviews applications and awards a varying number of these \$1,000 scholarships.

More than 5,000 NESA scholarship applications are received each year, and fewer than 150 are awarded, so the competition is stiff. Plans are being formulated to greatly increase the amount of funds available to award NESA Eagle Scout scholarships through future years.

NESA academic scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts graduating high school and entering college in the year for which they apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded only to those who graduate from high school in the calendar year in which scholarships are presented. Exception: Scouts whose Eagle Scout boards of review are held the same year of their high school graduation may apply in that calendar year. They may receive a scholarship one time only.

NESA merit scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts graduating high school or undergraduate college students no farther than completion of the junior year. Recipients may receive the scholarship one time only.