



# BUCKTAIL COUNCIL

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### Prepared. For Life.™

Dear Life Scout,

Requirement #6 on your Eagle Scout application asks you to attach a statement of your ambitions, life purpose and positions held in your religious institutions, school, camp, community or other organization's during which your demonstrated leadership skills. It also asks that you include honors and awards received during this service.

It is the intention of the Council Advancement Committee to provide some advice to you in writing this statement so that you feel comfortable with your writing.

#### Step 1: Motivate Yourself

- ❖ Do you want to be an Eagle Scout and all that it stands for? If your answer is, "Yes, I do!" find a way to say it with words.
- ❖ Your statement is a requirement to become an Eagle Scout. Get serious.
- ❖ Inform yourself about what being an Eagle Scout truly means.

#### Step 2: Write to your Audience

- ❖ Know who will be serving on your Board of Review, they will be reading your personal statement.
- ❖ Your Board of Review members want to know your perspective and specific details about your demonstrated leadership skills.
- ❖ Be the personal statement writer that your Board of Review members will remember.

#### Step 3: Anticipate Questions

- ❖ What was your impact on Scouting?
- ❖ What will you bring to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout?
- ❖ Have you demonstrated your ability to live up to the Scout Oath and Law?

#### Step 4: Be Persuasive

- ❖ Make your Board of Review members believe that you should be an Eagle Scout
- ❖ Clear any doubts members may have about you
- ❖ Make your Board of Review members act on your behalf.

Use this information as a guide to write a personal statement that many would expect from an Eagle Scout. More importantly, this is your opportunity to prepare for statements that you will have to write in the future. Eagle Scout candidates' personal statement should be a minimum of 250 words and presented in a professional manner with the Eagle Scout application.

Best wishes for continued success,

  
Gregg T. Bennett, Scout Executive

