

## Eagle Scout Reference Letter

Name:

Eagle Scout Candidate:

Unit #:

The Scout above is working towards the highest rank awarded in Scouting; Eagle Scout! This is an honor that he will share with only 6% of those youth who have been in Scouting. This Scout has submitted your name as a reference, and we are requesting that you take a few moments to fill out the following reference form.

The candidate will supply you with an addressed envelope. This reference will be sent to the Unit leader to be opened by the Eagle Scout Board of Review, and will not be shared with the Scout. Please do not return this form to the candidate.

The Eagle Board of Review is made up of individuals from around the Mississippi Valley Council who will make the decision on if this candidate has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Your reference will help the board get to know the candidate and make a decision.

Requirement #2 for Eagle Scout asks Scouts to demonstrate that they live by the principals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Please review and complete the questions of the following page.

### The Scout Law: A Scout is...

**TRUSTWORTHY** A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a Part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

**LOYAL** A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.

**HELPFUL** A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

**FRIENDLY** A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

**COURTEOUS** A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

**KIND** A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.

**OBEDIENT** A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

**CHEERFUL** A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

**THRIFTY** A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

**BRAVE** A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threatens him.

**CLEAN** A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

**REVERENT** A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

### The Scout Oath:

On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

1. How long have you known the candidate?
  
2. In what capacity have you had experience with the candidate?
  
3. Please provide an example of how the candidate lives the Scout Oath in his daily life:
  
  
4. Which of the twelve points of the Scout Law does this candidate exemplify the most? Please explain:
  
  
5. Which point of the Scout Law provides the greatest challenge for the candidate? Please explain:
  
  
6. Other than the Eagle Scout Service Project, please describe a time that the candidate has demonstrated his leadership:
  
  
7. A Scout does his "Duty to God". Please describe how this candidate fulfills this obligation:
  
  
8. Please explain why this candidate should be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout:
  
  
9. Please provide any additional comments that will help the Eagle Board of Review make its decision on this candidate's Eagle Scout award:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_