

Eagle Rank — Detailed Requirements & UX Notes (as of 2025-10-24)

Purpose: Provide product-ready requirement text for **Eagle** rank (Scouts BSA), with clear descriptions, acceptance notes, and official citations that your Eagle Tracker UX can render as requirement cards. Paraphrased for clarity; link to source for exact wording.

1) Direct Answer (concise)

Eagle requires sustained participation as a **Life Scout**, completion of **21 merit badges (14 Eagle-required)**, **six months of leadership** in an approved position **as a Life Scout**, planning and leading an **Eagle Scout service project** with all required approvals and report, **Scout spirit**, **Scoutmaster conference**, and an **Eagle board of review** (with a **statement of ambitions & life purpose** for the BOR). (Official sources cited below.)

2) Requirement List with Detailed Descriptions (product-ready)

Use in UI: Each bullet = one requirement card. Include fields: `status`, `date_completed`, `signed_by`, `evidence_link`, `source_url`. Group cards by headings to mirror the official layout.

PARTICIPATION & SCOUT SPIRIT

EAGLE-1. Active in unit (6 months as Life)

- **Do:** Be **active in your troop/crew/ship** for **at least six months as a Life Scout**.
- **Accept:** Attendance/participation consistent with unit expectations per **Guide to Advancement** (GTA); units may **not** add extra attendance quotas. Link to calendar/check-ins.
- **Source:** Eagle Rank Requirements PDF (2024), Req 1; GTA 2025.

EAGLE-2. Scout spirit

- **Do:** As a Life Scout, **demonstrate Scout spirit** by living the **Scout Oath & Law**; **tell how** you have done your **duty to God**, lived the Oath & Law **daily**, and **how these ideals will guide your life**.
- **Accept:** Conversation/reflection with unit leader; not a retest of skills.
- **Source:** Eagle PDF (2024), Req 2.

MERIT BADGES

EAGLE-3. Twenty-one merit badges total (14 Eagle-required)

- **Do:** **Earn a total of 21 merit badges**, including the **14 Eagle-required** badges listed below. The remaining **7** may be **any** others.
- **The 14 Eagle-required badges:**

- 1) **First Aid**
- 2) **Citizenship in the Community**
- 3) **Citizenship in the Nation**
- 4) **Citizenship in Society**
- 5) **Citizenship in the World**
- 6) **Communication**
- 7) **Cooking**
- 8) **Personal Fitness**
- 9) **Personal Management**
- 10) **Camping**
- 11) **Family Life**
- 12) **Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving** (*choose one*)
- 13) **Environmental Science or Sustainability** (*choose one*)
- 14) **Swimming or Hiking or Cycling** (*choose one*)

- **Accept:** Scoutbook import or blue cards; mark Eagle-required badges distinctly.

- **Notes:** **Citizenship in Society** is mandatory for Eagle (effective 2022); confirm any mid-year requirement changes on the official pages.

- **Source:** Eagle PDF (2024), Req 3; Scouts BSA Requirements 2025; Eagle-Required MB hub.

LEADERSHIP

EAGLE-4. Position of Responsibility (6 months as Life) OR leadership project

- **Do:** While a **Life Scout**, **serve actively for six months** in **one or more** approved **positions of responsibility (POR) OR** carry out a **Scoutmaster-approved leadership project** to help your troop.

- **Approved PORs — Scouts BSA troop:** patrol leader; assistant senior patrol leader; senior patrol leader; troop guide; OA troop representative; den chief; scribe; librarian; historian; quartermaster; bugler; junior assistant Scoutmaster; chaplain aide; instructor; webmaster; outdoor ethics guide.

- **Venturing crew equivalents:** president; vice president; secretary; treasurer; **den chief**; historian; guide; quartermaster; chaplain aide; outdoor ethics guide.

- **Sea Scout ship equivalents:** boatswain; boatswain's mate; purser; yeoman; storekeeper; crew leader; media specialist; specialist; **den chief**; chaplain aide.

- **Lone Scout:** leadership responsibility in school, religious organization, club, or community.

- **Important:** **Assistant patrol leader is *not* an approved POR for Star, Life, or Eagle.**

- **Accept:** Track start/end dates per POR; leadership project requires written plan & completion evidence.

- **Source:** Eagle PDF (2024), Req 4 & POR footnotes; GTA 2025.

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

EAGLE-5. Plan, develop, and give leadership to a service project

- **Do:** While a Life Scout, **plan, develop, and give leadership** to others in a **service project** helpful to **any religious institution, school, or community**.

- **Approvals (before work begins):** Benefiting organization; unit leader; unit committee; **council/district** (via the **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook** proposal section).

- **Deliverables:** Completed project **Proposal** (approved in advance), **Final Plan** (strongly recommended), **Fundraising Application** (if applicable), and **Project Report**, all within the official **Workbook**.

- **Constraints:** The project must be **Scout-led**; may **not** be **routine labor** or a **commercial/fundraising** effort; must **benefit** an eligible organization; safety and two-deep leadership policies apply.

- **Accept:** Upload signed proposal approval page (pre-work) plus **final signed report** (post-work).
- **Source:** Eagle PDF (2024), Req 5; **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook** (2023a); GTA 2025, section 9.0.2.0ff.

CONFERENCE & BOARD OF REVIEW (WITH BOR PREP STATEMENT)

EAGLE-6. Scoutmaster conference

- **Do:** While a Life Scout, **participate in a Scoutmaster conference**. (A conference is **not a retest**.)
- **Source:** Eagle PDF (2024), Req 6; GTA 2025.

EAGLE-7. Board of review + BOR prep statement

- **Do:** **Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review**.
- **BOR prep:** **Before** the BOR, **prepare** and bring a **Statement of your ambitions and life purpose** and a **listing of leadership positions held**, honors, and awards.
- **Appeal:** If not approved, the decision **may be appealed** per **GTA 8.0.4.0**.
- **Source:** Eagle PDF (2024), Req 7; Eagle Scout Rank Application (2025); GTA 2025.

3) Acceptance & Policy Notes (for implementers)

- **Active participation (Req 1):** Use GTA definitions for “active” (registration, participation, Scout spirit). Units may **not** add requirements.
- **MB validation (Req 3):** Validate **total = 21** with **Eagle-required = 14** across the three **choose-one** groups. Surface warning if MB requirement texts changed after app’s “version_checked.”
- **POR tracking (Req 4):** Support **multi-POR accumulation** to reach **6 months**; enforce that the POR service occurs **as a Life Scout**; exclude **assistant patrol leader**.
- **Project workflow (Req 5):** Implement **gated stages** (Proposal → Approvals → Plan → Execution → Report → Signatures). Store PDFs from the official **Workbook**; include fields for beneficiary contact, scope, hours, materials, fundraising approval, hazards/safety.
- **Dates vs. 18th birthday:** **All rank requirements (1–7) must be completed before the Scout’s 18th birthday**; the **BOR may be held after** the 18th per GTA.
- **BOR & conference:** Neither is a retest; they assess readiness and compliance with policy.

4) Data Model Suggestions (UX)

- **Requirement fields:** `id`, `title`, `detail`, `status`, `date_completed`, `signed_by`, `source_url`, `evidence_link`, `subtasks[]`, `notes`.
- **Merit badge schema:** total badges (21), list of 14 Eagle-required with **group logic**; validation rules for **choose-one** sets.
- **POR schema:** role, start_date, end_date, unit_type, leadership_project (bool + artifact).
- **Project schema:** proposal approvals (beneficiary/unit/council), final plan file, fundraising approval, execution logs (dates, participants, hours), risk controls, photos, final report signatures.
- **BOR prep schema:** ambitions_statement (file/text), leadership/awards list, references listed on **Eagle Application**.
- **Audit fields:** `version_checked = 2025-10-24`, `source_urls[]` per card.

5) Uncertainty Box

- **Unknowns:** Mid-year edits to wording; minor workbook/version updates; local council processing specifics (but **requirements** are national).
 - **Assumptions:** The **2024 Eagle Rank PDF** equals the current online requirement text; **Scouts BSA Requirements 2025** is consistent.
 - **Data quality:** High (official PDFs & policy guide).
 - **Reduce uncertainty:** Link directly to **Eagle PDF**, **Eagle Application (latest)**, **Workbook (2023a or newer)**, **GTA 2025**; display in-app “last verified” timestamp.
 - **Confidence: High** (checked **2025-10-24**).
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6) Citations (official)

- 1) Scouting America. *Eagle Rank Requirements (official PDF)*. 2024-11. <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/eagle-rank-requirements.pdf>
 - 2) Scouting America. *Scouts BSA Requirements — 2025 edition (3321624)*. 2025-04. <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/3321624-Scouts-BSA-Requirements.pdf>
 - 3) Scouting America. *Eagle-Required Merit Badges (hub)*. 2025. <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/eagle-required/>
 - 4) Scouting America. *Guide to Advancement 2025 (33088)*. 2025. <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>
 - 5) Scouting America. *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (No. 512-927, version 2023a)*. 2023. <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>
 - 6) Scouting America. *Eagle Scout Rank Application (512-728, current)*. 2025-01. <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/512-72825-Eagle-Scout-Application.pdf>
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7) Evidence Table (claims → sources)

#	Claim	Source(s)	Pub date	Checked	Notes
1	Eagle requires 21 MB total with 14 from the Eagle list.	1, 2, 3	2024–2025	2025-10-24	Eagle list includes three choose-one groups.
2	Six months' POR as Life (or leadership project) with approved positions listed; APL excluded.	1, 4	2024–2025	2025-10-24	POR lists & exclusion in rank notes/GTA.
3	Service project must be planned, developed, led; approvals before starting; workbook forms & report required.	1, 5	2023–2024	2025-10-24	GTA §9.0.2.0ff governs.

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4	Statement of ambitions & life purpose needed for BOR; Eagle Application provides format; BOR may occur after 18th; requirements before 18th.	1, 4, 6	2024–2025	2025-10-24	GTA §8.0.3.1, §9.0.1.5.

Ready to proceed

If you want, I can export a **single master JSON/CSV** with **Scout → Eagle** rank requirements, normalized IDs and validation rules, ready for seeding your app.