



NOMINATION FOR THE DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

This award is granted to Eagle Scouts who, after 25 years, have distinguished themselves in their life work and who have shared their talents with their communities on a voluntary basis. Only the local council of the Eagle Scouts's principal residence may nominate. Nominations may not be made for posthumous awards. In order to preclude possible embarrassment, **the nominee should not be informed of his nomination.**

**To: Board of Regents
National Eagle Scout Association
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079**

Date: _____

We are pleased to submit this Distinguished Eagle Scout Award nomination for:

Name (first, middle, and surname) _____

Name as it should be printed on the award _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business telephone _____ Home telephone _____

In our opinion, the nominee has distinguished himself as a _____
(Examples: medical doctor, educator, administrator, entrepreneur, corporate officer, manufacturer, scientist, lawyer)

We certify that an appropriate selection process has taken place and that all statements submitted herewith are true and correct.

Scout Executive _____ Council President _____

Region _____ Council No. _____ Council Name _____

City _____ State _____

Important Considerations

Upon receipt of the nomination form, the director of the National Eagle Scout Association will review the data submitted to ensure that it is adequate and specific enough to permit a fair decision by the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award selection committee. Some nominations are returned to the Scout executive for clarification or additional data. The NESA director is available for consultation in preparing the nomination. Following **acceptance** of the nomination form, **the approval process normally takes three weeks.**

Note: Nomination does not ensure approval. A number of nominations are declined.

Description of achievements should be specific. Explain clearly the relative significance of awards and honors received by the nominee. **Give facts rather than rhetoric.** Words such as "outstanding" are unacceptable. Letters of endorsement are not of value unless they contain pertinent facts and not rhetoric.

Do not set the date for presentation until the award has been granted by the board of regents of the National Eagle Scout Association. The custom award plaque takes several months to prepare.

The presentation of a Distinguished Eagle Scout Award should be, if appropriate, at a career- or community-centered event. It may take place at a Scouting function, although this is not recommended, but should not be overshadowed by the presentation of other awards, such as the Silver Beaver. It **may** be presented as part of a fund-raising activity.

It is appropriate at the time of nomination to submit the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award special order form, No. 70-625.

Dear Scout executive:

On behalf of the NESA Board of Regents, I wish to provide you with some background information regarding the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA).

Since its establishment in 1969, the DESA has gained prominent standing among Scouting recognitions. Among those who wear the gold-filled Eagle Scout pendant suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon are: former president Gerald R. Ford, several governors and senators, military flag officers, university presidents, chief executive officers of Fortune 500 companies, and nationally known attorneys, educators, and doctors. Each of the recipients had risen to a state of fame or eminence in his chosen life work prior to receiving the DESA.

The DESA is presented and administered by the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA). It is NESA's highest award.

Selection of recipients is made by the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Committee of the Board of Directors of NESA, all of whom are recipients of the DESA. Personal time spent by the seven members of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Committee is significant; we appreciate a well-documented, well thought out presentation from the nominating council. It is important to remember that not all nominations acted upon by the award committee are approved. A substantial percentage of nominations are declined. The NESA Board of Regents and the DESA Committee urge you to provide information that is as detailed as possible for each of the items listed on the nomination. Nominations that do not contain sufficient information will be returned to you at my direction requesting additional information where there may be weaknesses to cause the nomination to be denied.

Again, to avoid possible delays in processing and the possibility of the nomination being denied, we urge you to provide the full information sought.

Robert M. Gates
President
National Eagle Scout Association

Requirement One. The nominee must have been granted the Eagle Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America at least 25 years prior to the submission of this nomination. If the national Eagle Scout register does not list the nominee as an Eagle Scout, the local council is obligated to provide proof acceptable to the national Eagle Scout Service that the nominee did in fact receive the award.

Date of birth (month, day, year)_____ at (location)_____

Date of Eagle Scout Award (month, day, year)_____ at (location)_____

Troop no._____

Requirement Two. The nominee must have distinguished himself in his primary career. "Distinguished" is defined as the state of receiving extraordinary recognition, fame, or eminence.

Has the nominee retired from his primary career? Yes____ No____

The nominee is currently employed by or was employed immediately prior to retirement by _____

Position or title _____

Principal office of employer _____

If the nominee's career has been within a corporation, include:

- Educational preparation
- Chronological listing of positions held, indicating career growth and noteworthy contributions to corporate mission or objectives
- A description of the nominee's present responsibilities, unless the nominee is chairman of the board, president, or chief executive officer of the corporation
- Present evidence of the corporation's size, i.e., annual report, number of employees, ranking of firm among similar corporations

If the nominee's career has been within a profession, i.e., educator, lawyer, doctor, indicate:

- Educational preparation
- How he has achieved distinction, not only through his practice but in the contributions he made beyond his practice to further his profession, i.e., election to an office in a state or national society, authorship of books or articles in professional journals, new procedures/laws that he was instrumental in developing

Note: Provide detailed specific achievements.

Requirement Three. Through the years, it has been established that a nominee should have a record of voluntary service to his community. This is in **addition** to his achievement of a distinguished career, not in place of one. Service to Scouting is not required.

Care must be taken in listing service that is truly meaningful. Membership in an organization in and of itself is not meaningful. Committee or board membership might not be meaningful unless the individual makes a major impact on the success of a project or program. Service as the chairman of a successful campaign is more meaningful than a large financial contribution. Service as a Scoutmaster is as significant as service as a council president.

List organizations, offices held, **specific achievements**, and dates.

SAMPLE WRITE-UP FOR POSITION

The following are samples of how information for the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award should be written. This format should be utilized for each position listed.

From (19) to (20) As (title—president, CEO, founder, etc.) of (company name), (nominee's name)'s duties currently include the management of (number of employees, divisions, size of budget). In his term as (title), (nominee's name) has improved the financial statement from _____ to _____. He has been instrumental in implementing (policies, laws, acquisition of property[ies]). These have improved _____ by _____.

Additional information:

List awards, honors, books/articles written, or other information pertinent to the nominee's accomplishments as related to his chosen profession.

SAMPLE WRITE-UP FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

This format should be utilized for each community service item listed.

From (19) to (20)
(Name of organization)
(Office(s) held)

As (title—chairperson, director, member, etc.), (nominee's name) has been instrumental in implementing/rewriting (policies, laws, acquisition of property[ies]). These endeavors have improved (organization's name) by (statement of benefit to the organization, such as improvement of membership, finances, number of persons reached—locally, statewide, nationally).

Additional information:

List awards, honors, books/articles written, or other information pertinent to the nominee's accomplishments in his community service.

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Nomination returned to Scout executive for additional data on: _____

Nomination sent to selection committee on: _____

Member no. 1 Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Member no. 2 Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Member no. 3 Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Member no. 4 Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Member no. 5 Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Member no. 6 Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Member no. 7 Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Nomination is approved _____ Nomination is rejected _____

Eagle Scout Service _____

Date: _____

Citation prepared on: _____

Scout executive notified on: _____

Citation approved by Scout executive: _____ Date: _____

Supply Division order: Plaque: _____ Kit: _____ Date: _____

NESA Board of Regents invitation issued on: _____

Declined on: _____ Accepted on: _____ Credentials sent on: _____



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