

Reference Name

Eagle Scout Candidate

Troop Number

The above referenced young man is in the process of applying for the highest award the Boy Scouts of America can bestow upon a youth member. He has worked for several years, and if he is successful in his quest, he will have earned a nationally recognized achievement that he will be proud of the rest of his life. In addition, the Eagle Scout Rank will open many doors for him, while at the same time placing upon him the expectation to set an example of high values and ethics.

Soon he will be called before the Eagle Scout Board of Review, a group of citizens who represent the PA Dutch Council, BSA. We are hoping you will be able to help the board get to know him as they make their decision whether or not to recognize him with the award.

The Eagle Scout candidate has submitted your name as a reference. Would you please take a moment and complete this confidential form? Please write your letter of recommendation on the reverse side of this sheet or on a separate sheet of paper. The candidate should have supplied you with a pre-addressed stamped envelope so you can return the completed form to his Eagle Advancement Coordinator. If he did not, please send to the name and address at the bottom of this form. Please do not return the form to the candidate.

Eagle Scout requirement #2 states, "Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life." Please give us your opinion. Does this young man live by the principle shown below? How? Look at each point. Can you give us some examples?

### 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.

### 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.

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

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

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is 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.

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

**A Scout is 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.

**A Scout is 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 threaten him.

**A Scout is 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.

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

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