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Eagle Reference Letter

Dear Sir or Madam:

The young man presenting you this letter is requesting that you provide a character reference to the Boy Scouts of America on his behalf. After many years of hard work, he is a candidate for the Eagle Scout Rank, the highest award available to a Scout in the United States.

A candidate for Eagle Scout must serve in one or more leadership positions in his Troop or Crew and must plan, develop, and lead others in a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, camp, or other community organization not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. An Eagle Scout must also strive to live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath/Promise and Law. A copy of the Scout Oath and Law has been included on the back of this page so that you may use them as a reference in preparing your letter.

Your appraisal will aid the Eagle Scout Advancement Committee members conducting the Board of Review as they make the final decision approving his application for the Rank of Eagle Scout. Please provide your frank and honest opinions. **The letter you are providing is confidential and will not be shared with the candidate or anyone outside of the review board.**

We appreciate your time as you take a few moments to write a letter of recommendation. Please use the accompanying self-addressed envelope for your convenience in mailing your letter to our local advancement committee representative. Your quick response will help expedite the board of review process. If you would prefer to complete your reference by e-mail, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Scout Shop at (607) 796-0699 or kneiley@bsamail.org. On behalf of the Scout and the council, thank you for your time.

Yours in Scouting,

Karen A. Neiley
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The Scout Oath/Promise

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.

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.
- **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 is concerned 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.