



## Long Beach Area Council

### *Boy Scouts of America*

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Eagle Scout Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Friend of Eagle Scout Candidate:

You have been listed by the above candidate as a personal reference as he applies for the highest award that Scouting can bestow upon a Scout. He has worked hard and long on this process and has now come near the end. Within the next few weeks the candidate will appear before a group of adults from both Scouting and the community to review his progress and his worthiness of this award.

The Board of Review is seeking to answer questions regarding the character and life of the Eagle Scout Candidate. Beyond the requirements of merit badges and tasks, the questions in our mind include:

- " Does he do his best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law?
- " Does he demonstrate leadership ability in helping in his Scout troop, school, church, and community?
- " Does he show respect for the thoughts, feelings, and property of others?

These are questions that we look to you and others who are involved in his life to answer. You know him in different settings and in ways we never will. Your insights into his life are invaluable to us in our task.

Please take some time and answer the questions that are on the attached reference letter. Your careful consideration and insight in these areas would be greatly appreciated. Your response will not be shared with the candidate unless you say so.

Please return the letter as soon as possible so that the candidate's Board of Review can be scheduled. We will not schedule the Board of Review until reference letters are received. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this process.

## *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.

## *The Scout Law*

### **A Scout is:**

- Trustworthy** A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promise. Honesty is part of his personal code of conduct. People can depend on him.
- Loyal** A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, & nation.
- Helpful** A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay 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 other than his own.
- Courteous** A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners makes 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 hurt or kill harm less things 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 things. 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 unforeseen needs. 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 or threaten 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.

**Eagle Scout Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

Following are some questions regarding your insights to the character and worthiness of the above candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest rank. If you do not believe that you can make a fair judgement, please so indicate that fact and explain why. In your evaluation please consider the Scout Oath and Scout Law to which we prescribe. A full text of both are on the previous page.

What is your relationship to the candidate?

Religious Leader

Friend or Neighbor or Family

School Teacher or Principal

Scout Leader

How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours weekly are you in contact with him? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the candidate serve God and country? In what way(s)?	
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Can he be considered as following the oath to keep myself mentally awake and morally straight? How?	
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The Scout Oath calls the Scout to help other people at all times. How does he demonstrate this in his life?	
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<p>From your observation, is the candidate a leader? How does he demonstrate this?</p>	
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<p>What do you consider to be the candidate's outstanding qualities? Why?</p>	
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<p>What are the candidate's weaknesses? On what do you base this?</p>	
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<p>What is your overall view of this candidate? Use your knowledge of him and compare him to the Scout Oath &amp; Law.</p>	
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Please print your name below and let us know if we can share this reference letter with him. Thanks.

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Printed Name

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

You may share this letter with the candidate.

Yes, you may share it.

No, please keep this confidential.