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To: State and Chapter Eagle Scout Award Chairmen

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Through SAR's Eagle Scout Program, we have an opportunity to recognize and reward achievements of outstanding young Americans, future leaders of our nation and potential compatriots of the SAR. The Eagle Scout brochures go into the homes of thousands of Eagle Scouts each year, generating positive publicity and becoming a powerful public relations and recruiting tool. Inquiries about membership in SAR often result from this contact with the Eagle Scout family. Recognition of the Eagles at the local level is a significant chapter program in and of itself, culminating in the generous awards which keep the program meaningful at the national level of both the Scouts and the SAR.

Your service to the Sons of the American Revolution and to the Scouting America is greatly appreciated.

Patriotically,

Edgar S Hoak
NSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman

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Partnership

Scouting America and Sons of the American Revolution

Promoting Patriotism, Honoring Patriots

The SAR was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress in 1906 “to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people” and “to foster true patriotism.” Its charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, a distinguished member of the SAR.

The Boy Scouts of America was chartered by Congress in 1916 “to promote the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others” and “to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values.” Since its inception, Scouting has taught over 130 million youth its lessons of patriotism, courage, and self-reliance. On February 8, 2025, Boy Scouts of America was rebranded to Scouting America to reflect the organization’s ongoing commitment to welcome every youth and family in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The program previously known as Boy Scouts became Scouts BSA.

For nearly a century, SAR has enjoyed a close working relationship with now Scouting America, actively supporting Scouting programs that build character and good citizens. President Theodore Roosevelt, a distinguished SAR member and ardent supporter of the Scouting movement, earned the distinction of being the first and only man designated as the “Chief Scout Citizen.” In 1980, the SAR’s ties to Scouting were further strengthened with the establishment of its Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program.

For over 25 years, SAR’s partnership with now Scouting America has actively promoted patriotism and honored young patriots in communities across America. The SAR Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award Program has awarded nearly \$200,000 in awards to outstanding Eagle Scouts. Hundreds of deserving Eagle Scouts have been honored by SAR chapters and state-level societies with cash awards, medals, trophies, and certificates.

This partnership has brought SAR brochures into the homes of over 50,000 scouts who advance to the rank of Eagle each year, resulting in numerous inquiries about SAR membership. Through the recognition of young patriots in the ranks of the Scouting America, we add to the ranks of the Sons of the American Revolution. Together we can promote a renewed spirit of patriotism and preserve our cherished American heritage.

Relationships

Scouting America and Sons of the American Revolution

Cultivating Cooperation, Maintaining Momentum

Much of the success of Scouting can be attributed to the involvement of dedicated parents. At last count, there were over 477,000 adult volunteers registered with Scouting America. They're leaders of dens, packs, troops, posts, districts, and councils. Training all of these volunteers, keeping them motivated, and ensuring that they remain faithful to Scouting America ideals requires a staff of dedicated Scouting professionals.

The Scouting program is developed by the National Council of Scouting America and delivered through local Councils. Most states have Scouting America Councils in every metropolitan area. These Councils are led by a Scouting America professional – the Scout Executive – and dedicated volunteers elected to the Council's Executive Board. Councils are subdivided into districts and led by a staff professional – the District Executive – and dedicated volunteers elected to the District Committee.

The success of our SAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program depends on cultivating relationships with these Scouting professionals and volunteers. It is essential that you develop a good working relationship with the Council Scout Executive. It would also be very helpful to get acquainted with your Council's District Executives and Scoutmasters.

The Scout Executive can supply all the information you need to recognize every new Eagle Scout in your community: the number of potential Eagle Scouts – to order brochures; the names of Eagle Scouts – to address letters/certificates; and the dates of Eagle Courts of Honor – to present letters/certificates. The District Executives meet monthly with Scoutmasters and troop leaders at Roundtable and District Committee meetings. They can spread the word about the SAR Eagle Scout Competition. Scoutmasters meet weekly with the boys and can encourage their Eagle Scouts to participate in the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program.

However, no one can spread the word about the SAR Eagle Scout Program better than you. Don't miss an opportunity to promote our program at a Roundtable meeting or Eagle Court of Honor. A great way to promote SAR and help Scouting America is to volunteer as a Merit Badge Counselor. Since our competition scores extra points for applicants who've earned the American Heritage, Genealogy and Law merit badges, you can give the Scouts in your Council a competitive edge by helping them earn these important badges.

Cooperation requires cultivating the right relationships and momentum requires maintaining them. This will always be a challenge. People come and go in both of our organizations. The key is to maintain contact.

Guidelines

Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program

Recognizing Accomplishments, Honoring Patriots

The SAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of Eagle Scouts at three levels: Chapter, State, and National. Here are the easy steps for SAR Chapters and State-level Society participation in the Program:

Eagle Scout Recognition

1. The Chapter President appoints a Chapter Eagle Scout Committee. The Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee contacts the Scout Executive of the Scouting America Council. If several SAR chapters are in one Scouting America Council, the chapters make arrangements with the state chairman as to which district each chapter sponsors. The chairmen discuss with the Scout Executive the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program and agree on procedures to make the program effective.
2. The objective is to send to every Eagle Scout a SAR Eagle Scout brochure with the chapter or state chairman's contact information. The brochure, a certificate of recognition, and a congratulatory letter can be sent through the mail or delivered by SAR members to Eagle Courts of Honor. They can be delivered throughout the year upon request or they can all be delivered at one time. Any procedure agreed to by the SAR chapter and the Scout Executive is acceptable, remembering that the goal is to get the recognition and award material to each Eagle Scout.
3. Should the Eagle Scout want an application and four-generation chart, they may download them from the SAR web page <https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/> or you may photocopy the forms to distribute.
4. The Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman requests from the State-level Society Eagle Scout chairman enough brochures (NSSAR Eagle Scout Pamphlet) to provide one to each Eagle Scout based on an estimate by the Scout Executive of the number of Eagle Scouts in the Scouting America council. Brochures are available from the SAR web page <https://www.sar.org/app/uploads/Eagle-Scout-Award-Contest-Brochure-2025.pdf> (must sign in to Members area to access).
5. Any currently registered Eagle Scout, in an active unit who has not reached their 19th birthday in the calendar year of his application is eligible to apply for the SAR award contest. Each of these Eagle Scouts should receive a chapter congratulatory letter signed by the State-level Society President or Chapter President, a certificate of recognition, and a brochure relative to applying for the SAR award contest. The letter should include the date by which the application must be submitted and the name and address of the person to whom it should be sent.
6. The certificates of recognition are available from NSSAR Merchandise (Stock #ES-0411 or

ES- 0412).

7. As a part of this guide, you will find a camera-ready copy of the award contest application (Form C) and four-generation ancestor chart (Form D). These may also be downloaded from the SAR web page.
8. Chapter Chairmen should follow up with the Eagle Scouts to whom they have sent congratulatory letters and brochures and offer assistance as necessary to assure that they complete and submit their award contest applications. Assistance may be needed to complete the four-generation ancestor chart and/or to write the 500-word theme.

Chapter Eagle Scout Competition

9. No later than a date set by the State-level Society Eagle Scout Chairman (usually 01 December), the Chapter Eagle Scout Committee reviews the entries, using the Score Sheet and Criteria for Judging (make your copies from Form E, a part of this Guide), and selects a chapter winner.
10. Each chapter winner should be presented the Eagle Scout Chapter Winner's medal by his sponsoring chapter. When practicable, this presentation should be made at a chapter meeting with the Eagle Scout, his scoutmaster, and his parents as guests of the chapter. All Eagles who submitted award contest applications should receive from the local chapter the Eagle Scout patch (NSSAR Merchandise Stock #ES-P).
11. **Optional:** Following the award presentation, a news release and photograph of the chapter's award presentation can be sent to the local newspapers for publication. Don't forget to submit photos and articles to the SAR and Scouting America for their newsletters and websites. A sample news release is provided within this guide to assist with the publication of your Eagle Scout award presentation.
12. **Optional:** In further recognition, you can ask your mayor to issue a proclamation honoring your chapter's Eagle Scout winner and the SAR's Eagle Scout Program or ask the Eagle's city councilmember to pass a resolution. A sample resolution is included in this guide.

State Eagle Scout Competition

13. The Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman sends the chapter winner's award contest application, four-generation ancestor chart, and the 500-word patriotic theme to the State-level Society Eagle Scout Chairman not later than the prescribed date (we recommend 31 December).
14. The State Eagle Scout Committee will select a state winner, using Form E, from among the entries forwarded by chapters. This selection is usually made prior to 01 February in order for the state winner's application to be received by the National Chairman by the deadline of

15 February.

15. The State-level Society winner should be given appropriate recognition at a meeting of the State-level Society, including presentation of the coveted SAR Eagle Scout Trophy, available from NSSAR (Stock #ES-T), the cost borne by the state-level society, and any monetary award offered by the State-level Society. The State-level runner-up should receive his recognition and any financial award (if offered) at the chapter level.
16. **Optional:** Following the state award presentation, a news release and photograph of the award presentation can be sent to the local newspapers for publication. Don't forget to submit a photo and news release to the SAR and Scouts BSA for their newsletters and websites.
17. **Optional:** In further recognition, you can ask your governor to honor your Eagle Scout and your State SAR Eagle Scout Program with a proclamation or ask the Eagle's state legislator to introduce a resolution in your state legislature or assembly. A sample resolution is included in this guide.

National Eagle Scout Competition

Contest Application Submission

The State-level Society Eagle Scout Chairman forwards the state winner's application and supporting papers along with the State Contest Certification to the NSSAR Eagle Scout Contest Coordinator to be received on or before 15 February.

State Certification form may be found on the SAR website: <https://www.sar.org/app/uploads/State-Eagle-Scout-Certification.pdf>.

Judging Applications

The National Eagle Scout Committee, using an established judging form found at <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Eagle-Scout-Award-Contest-Form-Judging-Criteria.pdf>, will select the winner of the First Place award and all runners-up awards.

Recognizing and Awarding Winners

The First Place winner will be recognized and presented their award at the NSSAR Annual Congress. The runners-up awards will be presented by the state society, usually at their annual awards banquet.

Competition Schedule

Activity	Deadline
 Chapter Eagle Scout Competition	As set by Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman –usually before 01 December
 State-level Eagle Scout Competition	As set by State Eagle Scout Chairman – usually prior to 31 December
 National Eagle Scout Competition	As set by NSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman 15 February

Congratulatory Letter to Eagle Scouts



National Society Sons of the American Revolution
(CHAPTER NAME) Chapter

(MONTH DAY, YEAR)

Dear Eagle Scout (NAME),

Congratulations on earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Scouting America. As an Eagle Scout, you now represent Scouting's finest tradition of duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to self. You represent those values that build strong character, strong families and strong communities.

Your Eagle Court of Honor marks not an ending, but a beginning. There is no end to the Eagle Scout Trail. Having reached Scouting's summit, your achievement proclaims to a new generation of Scouts that you know the way – the way to set high standards and how to live by them, the way to build character, train in citizenship and foster fitness of mind and body. I urge you to dedicate yourself to helping others find the way – the way to capture Scouting's spirit and the special joys of camping, fellowship, service and love of country.

As descendants of Patriots of the American Revolution – men who served in the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought alongside George Washington in the battles of the American Revolution, and otherwise served the cause of American Independence – the Sons of the American Revolution are proud to recognize and honor the patriotism and service of outstanding Americans, especially our youth. We are proud to honor you with the enclosed *NSSAR Certificate of Recognition*.

Please find enclosed an important brochure describing the *NSSAR Eagle Scout Contest*. You are invited to compete for our chapter's and state society's Eagle Scout awards and for cash or scholarships awarded by our national society. The (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter awards a medal and certificate to the winner, who is then advanced to the state competition. The first place (STATE) state winner is awarded (1ST PLACE PRIZE AMOUNT). Any currently registered Eagle Scout, in an active unit who has not reached his 19th birthday in the calendar year of his application is eligible to apply for the NSSAR scholarship, so I encourage you to enter the contest each year you remain eligible.

The Application and Four Generation Chart can be downloaded at <https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/>, filled out electronically, and mailed. All scholarship applications should be submitted to me at (FULL ADDRESS) and must be received by December 15th of the contest year. However, I would like to suggest that you get your entry to me well in advance of that deadline that I might have an opportunity to review it and offer suggestions for improvement. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Again, congratulations on your outstanding achievement and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

(CHAPTER EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE CHAIR NAME)
Eagle Scout Chairman, (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter
(STATE) Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Remarks for an Eagle Court of Honor

On behalf of the (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate (NAME) on advancing to the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

As an Eagle Scout, (NAME) represents Scouting's finest tradition of duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to self. He represents those values that build strong character, strong families and strong communities.

No one reaches the pinnacle of Scouting without great personal sacrifice and without the help of a loving family, devoted Scoutmaster and committed Troop leaders. I congratulate everyone who has helped put (NAME) on the path to Eagle Scout.

This Eagle Court of Honor marks not an ending, but a beginning. There is no end to the Eagle Scout Trail. Having reached Scouting's summit, (NAME)'s achievement proclaims to a new generation of Scouts that he knows the way – the way to set high standards and how to live by them, the way to build character, train in citizenship, and foster fitness of mind and body. I urge (NAME) to dedicate himself to helping others find the way – the way to capture Scouting's spirit and the special joys of camping, fellowship, service and love of country.

As descendants of patriots of the American Revolution – men who served in the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence, wintered at Valley Forge, and fought alongside George Washington in the battles of the American Revolution – the Sons of the American Revolution are proud to recognize and honor the patriotic leadership and service of outstanding Americans, especially among our youth. On behalf of the (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the SAR, I am honored to recognize (NAME)'s good citizenship and outstanding accomplishments with the *SAR Certificate of Recognition*.

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement and best wishes for continued success.

Congratulatory Letter to Chapter Eagle Scout Competition Winner



National Society Sons of the American Revolution (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter

(MONTH DAY, YEAR)

Dear (NAME),

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on being named the winner of the SAR Eagle Scout Award for (YEAR) from the (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Your selection not only brings tremendous honor to yourself and your family, but also to the (SCOUTING AMERICA COUNCIL NAME) Council of Scouting America.

The (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution would like to honor you with the presentation of the distinguished *SAR Eagle Scout Medal*. You and your parents are invited to join us for dinner and our award presentation on (MONTH DAY, YEAR), at (VENUE) in (CITY, STATE).

Since 1889, the SAR has honored our Nation's founders by promoting good citizenship and an appreciation of our cherished heritage. We are pleased to recognize your outstanding achievements, salute your good citizenship, and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

(CHAPTER EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE CHAIR NAME)
Eagle Scout Chairman, (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter
(STATE) Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Notification Letter to Chapter Winner's Scout Executive



National Society Sons of the American Revolution (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter

(MONTH DAY, YEAR)

Mr. (SCOUT EXECUTIVE NAME)
Scout Executive
(SCOUTING AMERICA COUNCIL NAME) Council
(STREET ADDRESS)
(CITY, STATE ZIP)

Dear (SCOUT EXECUTIVE NAME),

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Eagle Scout (NAME) of (SCOUTING AMERICA COUNCIL NAME) Council Troop (TROOP NUMBER) ((CHARTERED ORGANIZATION NAME) in (CITY, STATE)) has been selected to receive the (YEAR) Eagle Scout Award from the (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Our award presentation is scheduled for our (EVENT NAME) on (DAY), (MONTH DAY, YEAR), at (TIME) at (VENUE) in (CITY, STATE). A social precedes at (TIME (if applicable)).

As Scout Executive of the (SCOUTING AMERICA COUNCIL NAME), you are cordially invited to attend our dinner and award presentation. Please let me know if your schedule will permit your attendance.

Eagle Scout (NAME) will represent the (CHAPTER NAME) in our state society's Eagle Scout Competition. If successful, he will represent the (STATE) Society in our national society's annual Eagle Scout Scholarship competition and compete for cash and scholarships.

On behalf of the Sons of the American Revolution, thank you for all of Scouting's efforts to promote good citizenship. We hope you will be able to join us on (MONTH DAY) as we honor Eagle Scout (NAME) and the (SCOUTING AMERICA COUNCIL NAME) Council of Scouting America.

Sincerely,

(CHAPTER EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE CHAIR NAME)
Eagle Scout Chairman, (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter
(STATE) Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Example Reservation Form for Eagle Scout Award Program



Presentation of the
The George Washington Chapter
2004 Eagle Scout Award
Honoring
Eagle Scout Connor E. Borchert

Reservation Form

January 8, 2005 • 7:00 P.M. • Southern Yacht Club of New Orleans

Attire: For Honoree - BSA Class-A Uniform • For parents and guests - Business dress

Honoree and his two parents are guests of the SAR for dinner and the award presentation. Additional tickets for the dinner and award presentation are available for family and friends at \$15 per ticket. Please confirm your attendance and indicate below if additional tickets are required.

- Yes, I will attend the SAR dinner and award presentation.
- Yes, I will require additional tickets for family and friends.
Please reserve _____ tickets at \$15.00 each.
- Sorry, I will be unable to attend the SAR dinner and award presentation.

Kindly return this form and checks for additional dinner tickets - payable to the George Washington Chapter SAR - to Post Office Box 791348, New Orleans, LA 70179-1348 by January 3, 2005.

Eagle Scout Chairman's Remarks at the Chapter Presentation of the SAR Eagle Scout Medal

For over one hundred years, SAR has honored our nation's founders by promoting good citizenship and an appreciation of our cherished heritage. Since 1910, BSA, now Scouting America has supported our mission with over 130 million young people learning Scouting's lessons of patriotism, courage and self-reliance. For generations of Americans, the Scout Law has been a moral compass pointing the way to be Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

It's not surprising that yesterday's scouts are today's leaders in business, government, the media, science, medicine, entertainment, and the list goes on and on. To further illustrate my point, will all former Scouts present please rise to be recognized.

The trail from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout requires years of preparation and perseverance. Only about four percent of all Scouts reach Scouting's summit with more than 2.75 million Scouts advancing to the rank of Eagle Scout since 1911. Eagle Scouts have gone on to become leaders in all fields. Notables include President Gerald Ford, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, Journalist Walter Cronkite, Academy Award-winning director Steven Spielberg, and Louisiana Governor Mike Foster. To show you how Eagle Scouts help shape America, will all Eagle Scouts present please rise to be recognized.

The (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to recognize the accomplishments of Scouting's elite and participate in the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program. Last year, our chapter received applications from Eagle Scouts throughout the (SCOUTING AMERICA COUNCIL NAME) Council of Scouting America.

The SAR award program is based on an application detailing Scouting experience, academic achievement, and community service; a 500-word essay on a patriotic theme; and a four-generation genealogy chart. The applications are scored on a 100-point scale. The Scout with the highest score is honored with our Chapter's Eagle Scout Award and entered into our State Society's competition. The winner of each State competition vies in the national SAR Eagle Scout competition for cash and scholarship awards.

As Eagle Scout Chairman for the (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, it is my great honor to announce the winner of our (YEAR) SAR Eagle Scout Award – Eagle Scout (NAME).

(NAME) represents Scouting's finest tradition of duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to self. He represents those values that build strong character, strong families and strong communities.

No one reaches the pinnacle of Scouting without great personal sacrifice and without the help of a loving family, devoted Scoutmaster and committed Troop leaders. We are honored to have with us tonight (NAME)'s parents, (NAME), and his brother, (NAME). Would the (NAME) family please rise that we may recognize you?

(NAME) is a member of the (SCOUTING AMERICA COUNCIL NAME) Council of Scouting America and registered in Troop (TROOP NUMBER) at (CHARTERED ORGANIZATION NAME) in (CITY, STATE). In addition to earning the highest rank in Scouting America, (NAME) has earned (NUMBER OF MERIT BADGES) Merit Badges, including (GENEALOGY, AMERICAN HERITAGE AND/OR LAW *(as applicable)*), and (NUMBER OF PALMS *(if applicable)*) Eagle Scout Palms.

His Eagle Scout Project provided (DESCRIBE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT *(provided by Eagle Scout winner)*).

(DESCRIBE EAGLE SCOUT BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION / FUTURE PLANS *(provided by Eagle Scout winner)*).

(NAME), the presentation of the SAR Eagle Scout Medal marks not an ending, but a beginning. There is no end to the Eagle Scout Trail. Having reached Scouting's summit, your achievement proclaims to a new generation of Scouts that you know the way – the way to set high standards and how to live by them, the way to build character, train in citizenship, and foster fitness of mind and body. I urge you to dedicate yourself to helping others find the way – the way to capture Scouting's spirit and the special joys of camping, fellowship, service, and love of country.

As descendants of patriots of the American Revolution – men who served in the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence, wintered at Valley Forge, and fought alongside George Washington in the battles of the American Revolution – the Sons of the American Revolution are proud to recognize the patriotic leadership and good citizenship of outstanding Eagle Scouts. The (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the SAR is honored to present its distinguished (YEAR) SAR Eagle Scout Medal to Eagle Scout (NAME).

News Release for Chapter Eagle Scout Award Presentation



National Society Sons of the American Revolution (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter

ATTENTION: YOUTH / COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

NEWS RELEASE
(MONTH DAY, YEAR)

For Additional Information
Contact (CHAPTER CONTACT)
(TELEPHONE NUMBER)

Sons of the American Revolution Present Eagle Scout Award

(CHAPTER NAME) Chapter Honors Winner of Annual
SAR Eagle Scout Competition

(CITY, STATE) – The (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will present its coveted Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout (NAME) on Saturday, (MONTH DAY, YEAR), in ceremonies at (VENUE) at (TIME). (NAME) is the winner of the (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter’s annual Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Competition. (STATE PRESIDENT NAME), (STATE) Society SAR State President, and (COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVE NAME), Scout Executive of the (SCOUTING AMERICA COUNCIL NAME) Council of Scouting America, will join the Chapter for the presentation.

<insert biography of Eagle Scout>

The SAR Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding Eagle Scouts in our communities. Every SAR Chapter sponsors an Eagle Scout Competition that includes an application detailing Scouting Experience, academic achievements, and community service; a 500-word essay on a patriotic theme; and a four-generation genealogy chart. The winner of each SAR Chapter competition is entered in the SAR state competition. The winner of each state competition competes in the National Society’s Eagle Scout Competition and vies for cash and scholarships.

Congratulatory Letter to Winner of State Eagle Scout Competition



National Society Sons of the American Revolution (CHAPTER NAME) Chapter

Eagle Scout (NAME)
123 Anywhere Street
City, State ZIP

Dear (NAME),

Congratulations! You have been selected as the state winner of the (STATE) Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (YEAR) Eagle Scout Award. Your application was judged first among all the entries received from our SAR Chapters across the state and will represent (STATE) in the national competition for cash and scholarships.

The (STATE) Society SAR would like to honor you as our *Outstanding Eagle Scout for (YEAR)* at our (EVENT) Meeting with the presentation of the coveted *SAR Eagle Scout State Winner Medal*. You and your family are cordially invited to join us for (MEAL) and our award presentation on (MONTH DAY, YEAR), at (TIME) at the (VENUE) in (CITY).

As an Eagle Scout, you have promoted Scouting's finest tradition of duty to God and Country, duty to others, and duty to self. As a young patriot, you have promoted the ideals of our Founding Fathers. The SAR Eagle Scout Trophy honors you as a distinguished Scout and patriot. We share your family's pride in your accomplishments and wish you every success in our national competition.

Sincerely,

(CHAPTER EAGLE SCOUT CHAIRMAN NAME)
(STATE SOCIETY) Eagle Scout Chairman

Eagle Scout Awards



Chapter (Bronze) Winner Medal NSSAR
Merchandise Stock #ES-M



State (Silver) Winner Medal NSSAR
Merchandise Stock #ES-MS

Legislative Resolution Honoring State Winner

SLS 26RS-904

ORIGINAL

Regular Session, 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR MALONE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Michael Travis Fredrick for being named Louisiana's Outstanding Eagle Scout for 2025 by the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution.

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Eagle Scout Michael Travis Frederick of Scouting America Troop 14 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Shreveport on selection as the 2025 Outstanding Eagle Scout by the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution.

WHEREAS, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution was organized in 1889 a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who served in the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence, wintered at Valley Forge, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, or otherwise supported the cause of American independence; and

WHEREAS, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution perpetuates the memory of Revolutionary War patriots, fosters true patriotism, inspires communities with a reverence for the principles of government founded by our forefathers, and honors outstanding and patriotic service to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Scouting America was organized in 1910 to provide youth an educational program to build character, to train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, Scouting America awards the highest rank – Eagle Scout – to Scouts who have fulfilled the requirements in the area of leadership, service, and outdoor skills: earned at least twenty-one merit badges, signifying the mastery of scout skills including Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the National and Citizenship in the World; and completed an Eagle Scout project rendering community service; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution recognize outstanding Eagle Scouts in Louisiana who have learned scouting's lessons of patriotism, leadership, courage and self-reliance with an annual Eagle Scout Competition sponsored by its chapters, states and national societies; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Michael Travis Frederick of Scouting America Troop 14 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Shreveport was honored as the 2025 Outstanding Eagle Scout by the Galvez Chapter of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution and received the distinguished SAR Eagle Scout Medal; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Michael Travis Frederick was winner of the 2025 Eagle Scout Competition of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and received the coveted State Level Silver Eagle Scout Medal, a five hundred U.S. Savings Bond and the honor of representing Louisiana in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Competition; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Michael Travis Frederick represents scouting's finest tradition of God and country, duty to others and myself and has been recognized as Louisiana's Outstanding Eagle Scout for 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and honor Eagle Scout Michael Travis Frederick on his outstanding achievement as an Eagle Scout and citizen and does hereby commend the Sons of the American Revolution for recognizing the patriotism and good citizenship of Louisiana's Outstanding Eagle Scout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Eagle Scout Michael Travis Frederick and the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Example National Eagle Scout Competition's Winning Essay

The Winning Eagle Scout Essay

ABRAHAM CLARK: COURAGE AND VIRTUE

By Samuel James Nassie

A great American general once instructed Americans to "Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less." Our duty, our commitment, our sense of civic virtue – love of our country above ourselves – are the standards by which our country was founded and upon which it has flourished. Each signer of the Declaration of Independence lived his duty and each in his own way, paid dearly for the commitment he made. Sacrifices on the part of the signers was expected, yet few knew the depth of sacrifice that many would be called upon to make.

Abraham Clark was just an ordinary farmer in his youth – self-educated, later to become a High Sheriff, a Land Attorney, and a Surveyor. Those who knew him often spoke of his "generosity of character," his kindness and concern for others. Popular among his neighbors, his opinion "was valued, and often sought, even beyond the circle within which he lived." Thus, it was no surprise that he was called upon to represent New Jersey at the Continental Congress. Committing his signature to the Declaration of Independence was committing more than his name and his colony's support. Abraham Clark was committing the lives of his children! Two of his sons, both officers in the colonial army, were captured by the British and imprisoned aboard the prison ship "Jersey." Both sons endured extreme abuse in the dungeons, where they were placed as prisoners. Because of their father, they faced worse conditions than the other prisoners. One son was put in solitary confinement with no food, the other received only what food could be pushed through a keyhole by his fellow prisoners.

The British informed Clark that if he would



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withdraw his name from the Declaration of Independence and support the King, his sons would be released. Abraham Clark agonized over his dilemma. How did a father sacrifice his sons? How did a man sacrifice his country? His answer to the British was a simple, heart-wrenching "No." Abraham Clark's sons were executed in the defense of his country. Abraham Clark's decision was the greatest, most painful act of love for his country that any individual could be asked to make. To sacrifice his sons for a greater cause was an act of courage that is difficult to understand and one that certainly can not be matched.

My years in Boy Scouts have taught me so

many lessons. The most important ones are: Stand for what you believe in, and don't let people take your honor away from you by their actions or deeds. Standing up for what is best for my country and serving it in any way that I can is the greatest lesson Boy Scouts has taught me and the most important duty that I have. Abraham Clark's devotion to our country has taught me what my commitment to my country must be and Boy Scouts has given me the tools to accomplish my duty – my own commitment to civic virtue!

A list of annual contest winners can be found at <https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/> under the "Previous Winners" section. Click on the Winning Eagle Scout's name to view their essay.



Scouting America Council Locator



As SAR Eagle Scout Chairman for your Chapter or State-level Society, it's imperative that you develop a working relationship with your local Scout Executives. There are over 248 local councils providing the Scouting program to youth across America. To find the contact information for your council, insert your zip code on the Scouting America council locator page at:

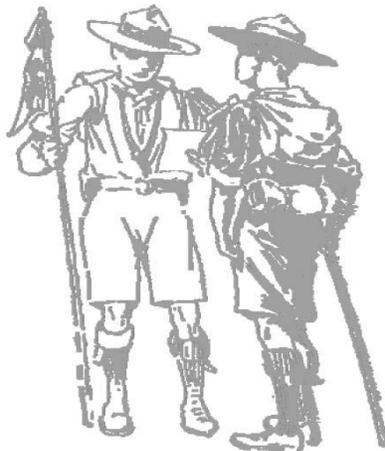
<https://www.scouting.org/about/local-council-locator>.



Scouting for Ways to Help Scouting America?

Here are a few suggestions:

Sponsor a Scouting America Troop as a Charter Organization. ▪ Underwrite the cost of sending a Scouts BSA Troop to summer/winter camp or a National Jamboree. ▪ Donate new flags, poles, stands and finials to a Scouts BSA Troop color guard. ▪ Contribute to your Scouting America Council's annual "Friends of Scouting" campaign. ▪ Recognize every Eagle Scout in your community with a Congratulatory Letter, SAR Certificate of Recognition, and NSSAR Eagle Scout brochure. ▪ Invite every Eagle Scout to enter your chapter's Eagle Scout Competition. ▪ Recognize chapter winners with the SAR Eagle Scout Medal and a cash award, scholarship or a U.S. Savings Bond. ▪ Publicize the presentation of your chapter's Eagle Scout Award with local news media. ▪ Recognize outstanding Scouts BSA leaders with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. ▪ Invite the leadership of your Scouting America Council – Scout Executive, Council President, District Chairman, District Executive, and Scoutmasters – to attend a SAR meeting. ▪ Invite a Scouts BSA Troop Color Guard to open a SAR meeting with the presentation of the colors. ▪ Invite a Scouts BSA Troop to join your chapter in patriotic ceremonies, such as wreath-laying ceremonies. ▪ Instruct Scouts BSA in Flag etiquette, including the proper way to retire tattered flags. ▪ Instruct Scouts BSA in American Heritage, Genealogy and Law as Merit Badge Counselors. ▪ Participate in Scouts BSA Roundtable meetings of Scoutmasters to encourage participation in SAR programs. ▪ Participate in an Eagle Court of Honor. ▪ Volunteer to serve on an Eagle Scout Board of Review. ▪ Volunteer SAR Color Guards for Scouts America events, such as Eagle Courts of Honor and Council Banquets. ▪ Volunteer to address Boy Scout banquets on patriotic themes. ▪ Celebrate Independence Day by giving Scouts America Troops copies of the Declaration of Independence. ▪ Celebrate Constitution Week by giving Scouts America Troops pocket copies of the Constitution. ▪ Celebrate Veterans Day by having Scouts mark patriot graves with flags.



Prominent Eagle Scouts



President Theodore Roosevelt
Chief Scout Citizen

“More and more I have grown to believe in the Boy Scout movement. I regard it as one of the movements most full of promise for the future here in America. The Boy Scout movement is distinctly an asset to our country for the development of efficiency, virility, and good citizenship.”



President George W. Bush

“The goodness of a person and of the society he or she lives in often comes down to very simple things and words found in the Scout Law. Every society depends on trust and loyalty, on courtesy and kindness, on bravery and reverence. These are the values of Scouting, and these are the values of Americans.”



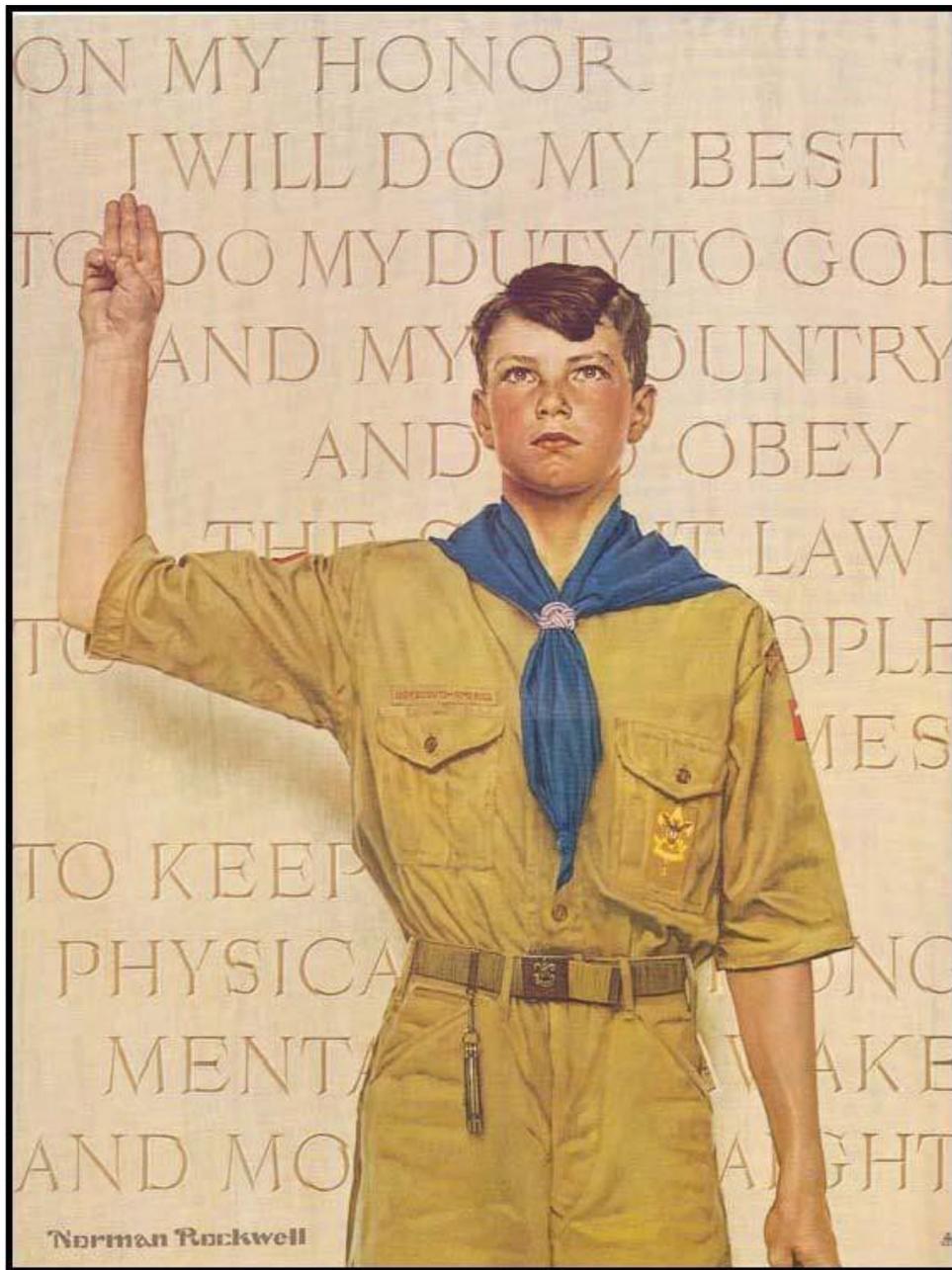
President Gerald R. Ford

President Ford was the only Eagle Scout to have served as President of the United States. He received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 1970 and the Silver Buffalo Award in 1995. In 1978, he appeared in a Boy Scouts of America ad campaign dressed in uniform with the slogan “once a Scout, always a Scout.”



Astronaut Neil Armstrong

The first human to step onto the moon was one of many astronauts to have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Onboard Apollo 11 on the way to the moon, Armstrong sent greetings to those at the National Jamboree in 1969. “Hello to all my fellow Scouts at Farragut State Park in Idaho . . . Apollo 11 would like to send them best wishes.” Armstrong received the Distinguished Eagle Scout (1973) and Silver Buffalo (1970) awards.



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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.

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