Eagle Scout Age Extension

A one-time limited exception to the Eagle Scout award age requirements is available as part of the Scouts BSA transition. Young men or young women who are at least 16 but not yet 18 on Feb. 1, 2019, and register as a new member of Scouts BSA on or before Dec. 31, 2019, may request a time extension of up to 22 months to work on earning the Eagle Award.

How does a Scout apply for the extension?

Only the National Council can grant an extension. An interested youth who wants to apply for the extension must talk with their unit leader(s) to request the extension. The leader then accesses the youth’s profile in My.Scouting.org. If the Scout is eligible, there will be a button the leader can select to indicate the youth has asked for the extension.

This request goes to the National Service Center in Texas. Once the request is approved, the youth, their parent, unit leader and council representative will receive an email with confirmation as well as the expiration date of the extension.

Requests for extensions must be received no later than 30 days after turning 18. No exceptions to the Eagle requirements will be permitted and all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First Class rank in Scouts BSA and moving to a Venturing crew or Sea Scout ship.

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