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Lincoln Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Recommendation Letter

An Eagle Scout candidate must demonstrate that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath, and Law in his daily life. In this regard, the candidate has indicated that you know him personally, and that you would be willing to provide a letter of recommendation on his behalf. On the reverse side of this letter, there is a copy of the Scout Oath and Law for your reference in preparing the letter. Please note that the contents of the letter will NOT be shown to or discussed with the candidate, nor with anyone not a member of the Eagle Scout Board of Review. Of course, you are free to discuss the information with him, if you so desire, but you are under no obligation to do so.

Eagle Candidate's Name: _____ Your relationship: _____

Length of time you have known the candidate: _____

Dear Eagle Board of Review:

Attach additional pages as needed

My Name

Date

Signature

Telephone/Email

Instructions to the Scout: Please ask the references you listed on your Eagle application to write a recommendation letter. The only reference that may be omitted is employer, if you do not have a job. If you do not belong to a faith community, a parent should provide the religious reference. The Letter of Recommendation is confidential and is not to be returned directly to you. You should provide your references with a stamped envelope addressed to your Unit Committee person or leader designated to collect Eagle recommendation letters. He or she will hold all your letters and insert the unopened envelopes into your Eagle book and turn it in to the Lincoln Trails Council's Eagle Coordinator. **You "should not be involved personally in transmitting any correspondence between persons listed as references and the council service center."** BSA Advancement Committee Policy and Procedures handbook, p31 # 5

Instructions to the Writer of the Recommendation: This letter of recommendation should be based upon your personal interaction with the Eagle Scout candidate and should take into consideration your observance of how he exemplifies the points listed below in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. If you need more space than is provided on this sheet, you may attach additional pages. Please address and send your letter to the Unit Advancement Chairman for the Eagle candidate's Scout Unit (Troop, Team, Crew, Ship). The letter should not be given to the Scout. The Lincoln Trails Council, BSA, would like to thank you for your time providing your recommendation for this Eagle Scout candidate.

Instructions to the Unit Committee: Please collect and hold all the recommendation letters for your unit's Eagle Scout candidates. **Please do not open them or share them.** They are solely for the use of the Eagle Board of Review. When an Eagle candidate has completed his Eagle book (application, statement of ambition and life purpose, project workbook), please submit everything, including the Letters of Recommendation to the Eagle Scout Coordinator at Lincoln Trails Council, 262 W. Prairie Ave., Decatur, IL 62523.

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.



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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.

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

HELPFUL. A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment 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 that are different from his own.

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.

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.

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 life. 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 the future. 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 him 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.