



Letter of Ambition Eagle Requirement #6

Requirement #6 for Eagle Scout includes a statement about your ambitions and life purpose. It is submitted along with your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook and Eagle Scout Rank Application.

The statement should be written in paragraph form and include both your short-term and long-term goals. Most scouts find their statement to be about two double-spaced pages long. This overview serves to help the Eagle Board of Review Committee member who reads it to get a sense of who you are as an individual. In writing this document, your goal is to present yourself as the thoughtful and sincere individual you are. It is best to include only those topics you can support in a conversation.

The following rubric format has worked well for most scouts. You may also choose to add introductory and concluding paragraphs.

- A paragraph on your short-term goals in high school (if you are a senior, you may skip this paragraph.)
 - Academics (How do your courses line up with the career you are considering? Are you taking any specific classes to help you prepare for a career or to earn AP credit.)
 - Write about your activities at school.
 - Write about your activities outside school.
- A paragraph on your plans after graduation.
 - Do you plan to enter the work force directly after graduation, enlist in the military, or continue your education? Why did you decide this?
 - If you plan to further your education, what type of school are you planning to attend? Do you envision yourself attending an urban or rural, large or small tech school, community college, or a university? What is your specific focus and why this is your preference?
 - What activities do you plan to pursue in school?
 - If you already plan to pursue an advanced degree (for example, becoming a medical doctor, veterinarian, or lawyer) include that in your statement also.
- A paragraph on your longer-term goals after you have completed your schooling.
 - What are your career choices?
 - What activities are you considering?
- A final paragraph on family, long-term involvement in Scouting, community involvement, or religion. It can be helpful to think of the life you plan to have at 30 or 40 years old; how do you see yourself living the life planned for while incorporating the lessons taken from Scouting. This is also the place to include any goals that sets you apart from others. If you always wanted to write a book, climb Mt. Rainier, go on an African safari, visit Antarctica, or learn to fly a plane, this is the place to include it.

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