

## Troop 333 Eagle Scout Reference Form

Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

The above named young man is in the process of applying for the highest award the Boy Scouts of America can bestow on a youth member. He has worked for several years to reach this point, and if he is successful in his quest, he will have earned a nationally recognized achievement that he will be proud of for the rest of his life. In addition, the Eagle Scout award will open many doors for him, while at the same time placing upon him the expectation to set the example of high values and ethics.

Soon he will be called before the Eagle Scout board of review, a group of citizens who will be representing the York District of the Palmetto Council BSA. We are hoping you will be able to help the Board get to know this candidate as they make their decision whether he has earned this prestigious award. The Eagle Scout candidate has submitted your name as a reference. Please take some time and give us your impressions of this young man. When you are done, please return the letter to his Scoutmaster or to our Eagle Scout advisor, so that it can be included in the Eagle Scout application he is preparing, and will be provided to the Board for review. Please take this request seriously, and consider whether this Scout has lived up to the ideals below.

Eagle Scout Requirement #2 states: "Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life." Please provide your opinion whether this young man is living up to these high standards. Does he live by the principles shown below? If so, how? Please look at each point and give us any pertinent examples of how he has demonstrated these during his interactions with you.

### 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

### Scout Law

Trustworthy: A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises and honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

Loyal: A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout Leaders, fellow Scouts, school, nation, and community

Helpful: A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward in return. He is not concerned about what is in it for him.

Friendly: A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others, and respects those with ideas and customs that are different than 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 with each other.

Kind: A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he would like to be treated himself. 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 or laws are unfair, he tries to change them in an orderly manner instead of simply disobeying them.

Cheerful: A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He does not try to avoid tasks in hopes that someone else will pick up the slack. He tries to make others around happy.

Thrifty: A Scout works to pay his own way. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves our country's precious natural resources. He carefully uses his time to get the most out of life.

Brave: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand up for what he thinks is right, even if others laugh at him or threaten him. He is not afraid to try new things or fail.

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 keeps his home and community clean.

Reverent: A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and beliefs. He respects the beliefs of others around him.