



The American Legion

Eagle Scout of the Year

NOMINATION FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Age: _____

Telephone number: () _____

E-mail: _____

Is your Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron? _____

If YES, please complete the following:

(Post/Unit/Squadron Number)

(Street)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

Are you the Scout of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary member?

_____ If yes, please complete the following:

(Name of Member)

(Relationship) (Membership No.)

**photograph in Scout uniform
REQUIRED**

***SUBMIT TO YOUR AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT (STATE) HEADQUARTERS.***

***APPLICANTS: DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION
DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.***

Eligibility Requirements

THE NOMINEE MUST:

- Be a registered, active member of a Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron.

OR

- Be a registered, active member of a chartered Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the scout of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member.

AND

- Received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Be an active member of their religious institution and must have received the appropriate Scouts BSA religious emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community.
- Have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Reside in the department (state) to which they applies.

Note: *Eagle Scouts still in high school who reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.*



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NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the nomination application will be selected as the 2026 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year by the National Americanism Commission.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will join the youth champion delegation and participate in the 107th annual National Convention in Indianapolis, **Sept 1 - 3, 2026**.

Scholarships

The American Legion provides for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected "The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year."

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each.

The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon graduation from high school (public, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student provided it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case the student can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made jointly to the student and the school at the beginning of each semester or quarter. **Only one request will be honored per semester or quarter.**

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Applicant should type or print all information.

Section A – High School Record

Note: Please attach a copy of your official high school transcript.

Grade: _____ Name of high school: _____

Grade point average: _____ In upper _____ % of class. Number in class: _____

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list activities participated in during high school and also list awards, honors and recognition received.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment A if more than one page is submitted.

Section B – Scouting Record

Note: This section will be reviewed closely by the selection committee.

	Years	Unit No.	Sponsor
Cub Scout	_____	_____	_____
Scouts BSA	_____	_____	_____
Varsity Scout	_____	_____	_____
Venturing Crew	_____	_____	_____
Eagle Award Received: _____ Palms: _____			

Section B – Scouting Record (continued)

On **two additional pages (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** (1) List leadership positions held in your Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, and/or Venturing Crew; (2) List other Scouting activities you may have participated in (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc.).

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B if more than two pages are submitted.

Section B1 – Eagle Scout Project

On **two additional pages (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** succinctly describe your Eagle Scout Project.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B1 if more than two pages are submitted.

Section C – Community Participation Record

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list community organizations in which you have held membership **excluding high school and Scouting**. Additionally list other activities that you were involved with that directly or indirectly improved life in your community.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment C if more than one page is submitted.

Section D – Religious Award

Denomination: _____ Name of Religious Institution: _____

Name of Scouts BSA Religious Emblem (Award) Received: _____

– (cannot be Cub Scout Religious Emblem)

Month and Year Received: _____

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list religious youth organizations, clubs, groups that you have been involved in, to include honors awarded and offices held.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment D if more

Section E – Career Interests

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** describe your career interests and/or goals. The selection committee realizes that in many cases, applicants will not have decided on career goals; however, complete this section to the best of your ability.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment E if more than one page is submitted.

Section F – Letters of Recommendation and Testimony

One letter each from your **religious institution, school, your community and Scouting must be included**.

Two additional letters of recommendation and testimony may also be included. Please keep in mind that the letters of recommendation are an important part of this application and will be carefully reviewed by the screening committee.

Note: The screening committee will only consider the four required letters and the two additional letters of recommendation of Attachment F if more than the six required letters of recommendation are submitted. Letters of recommendation will be limited to one page.

CERTIFICATION BY EAGLE SCOUT

Authorization

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected, I will be free to travel to The American Legion National Convention and participate as a member of the youth champion delegation, representing The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America.

SIGNATURE OF EAGLE SCOUT: _____ DATE: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

We hereby certify that the information on this application pertaining to our scout's age and grade in school is correct. We are willing and desirous that they become The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, we hereby voluntarily waive any, and all, claims against The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America totally and all representatives thereof.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

Authorization (continued)

SCOUT UNIT LEADER

The above named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America and has our recommendation.

SIGNATURE OF SCOUT UNIT LEADER: _____ DATE: _____

AMERICAN LEGION SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT/SCOUT CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE: _____

Selection Process

DEPARTMENT

- **Nominations must be received by department headquarters no later than March 1, 2026.**
- The application judged best in the department and a list of the members of the Department Selection Committee should be sent to: Assistant Director, Americanism Division, Attention: Eagle Scout of the Year, The American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.
- For additional information, applicants should contact their department headquarters.

NATIONAL

- **Nominations must be received by national headquarters no later than April 1, 2026.**
- The National Americanism Commission's Youth Activities Subcommittee will review all department nominations, and, in their judgment, select The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALIST

The selection will be announced in the National Americanism Commission Report to the National Executive Committee during The American Legion's 2026 Spring Meetings in Indianapolis, May 4-7.

American Legion department (state) contact information is online:
 www.legion.org/departments



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