



## Letter of Ambition Eagle Requirement #7

Requirement #7 for Eagle Scout is an essay about your personal Life Goals. It is submitted along with your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook and Eagle Scout Rank Application.

The essay should be written in paragraph form and include both your short term and long term goals. Most scouts find their completed essay to be about 2 double-spaced pages long. This overview serves to help the Eagle Committee member who reads it to get a sense of who you are as an individual in order to prepare for his role as Chair of your Eagle Board of Review. 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. Do your best to make this a flowing narrative of your life, and not a choppy checklist of items.

The following rubric format has worked well for most scouts.

- An introductory paragraph describing some of the experiences you've had in Scouting, and what you have learned from those experiences. Words on what you have learned about yourself as a leader and a young man are usually well received in this paragraph.
- 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 careers you are considering? Are you taking any specific classes to help you prepare for a career or to earn AP credit.)
  - Activities at school
  - 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 pick this?
  - If you plan to further your education, what type of school are you planning to attend? Do you envision yourself attending a Tech School, Community College, 4-Year College, urban, rural, large, small, specific focus and why this is your preference.
  - Activities you plan to pursue in school
  - If you already plan to go on for an advanced degree (for example, becoming a medical doctor, vet, lawyer... ) include that too
- A paragraph on your longer term goals - after you complete your schooling
  - Career choices
  - Activities
- A final paragraph on family, long term involvement in scouting, community involvement, religion. It can be helpful to think of the life you plan to have at 30 or 40; 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 goal that you might nurture that sets you apart from others. If you always wanted to write a book, climb Mt. Rainier, go on an African safari, visit Antarctica, learn to fly a plane, etc. this is the place to include it.

