

Life Rank Requirements



These requirements become effective on January 1, 2010.

These requirements appear in the official Boy Scout Handbook, 12th Edition, which was issued in 2009, but did not take effect until January 1, 2010. If a Scout started work toward a rank before that date using requirements that were current before January 1, 2010, he may complete that rank only using the old requirements. Any progress toward a rank that is begun after January 1, 2010, must use the requirements as they are presented in the Boy Scout Handbook (34622) or in Boy Scout Requirements book (34765)

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 6 months as a Star Scout.
2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Earn 5 more merit badges (so that you have 11 in all), including any 3 more from the [required list for Eagle](#).
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4. While a Star Scout, take part in [service projects](#) totaling at least 6 hours of work. These projects must be approved by your Scoutmaster.
5. While a Star Scout, serve actively 6 months in one or more of the positions of responsibility listed in [requirement 5 for Star Scout](#) (or carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop).
6. While a Star Scout, use the EDGE method to teach a younger Scout the skills from ONE of the following six choices, so that he is prepared to pass those requirements to his unit leader's satisfaction.
 - A. Second Class - 7a and 7c (first aid)
 - B. Second Class - 1a (outdoor skills)
 - C. Second Class - 3c, 3d, 3e, and 3f (cooking/camping)
 - D. First Class - 8a, 8b, 8c, and 8d (first aid)
 - E. First Class - 1, 7a, and 7c (outdoor skills)
 - F. First Class - 4a, 4b, and 4d (cooking/camping)
7. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference
8. Complete your board of review.

* Choose any of the 15 required merit badges in the 12 categories to fulfill requirement 3. [See requirement 3 in the Eagle Scout requirements for a list of badges required for Eagle.](#)

NOTE: The footnote to Requirement 3 means that, for example, a Scout can use both Lifesaving AND Emergency Preparedness and/or Swimming, Hiking, AND Cycling toward the requirement of 4 from the required list for Eagle when working toward Life Scout.) Also note that the asterisks are specifically placed on the lines marked "(required for Eagle)" signifying that the note applies to these badges.

Please note that Requirement 8 - (Complete your Board of Review) MAY be done AFTER the Scout' has reached age 18. All other requirements must be completed BEFORE the Scout's 18th Birthday.