



# Eagle Scout Recognition & Scholarship Contest

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For nearly a century, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has enjoyed a close working relationship with the Boy Scouts of America, actively supporting Scouting programs that build character and good citizens. President Theodore Roosevelt, a distinguished SAR member and ardent supporter of the Scouting movement, earned the distinction of being the first and only person designated as the *Chief Scout Citizen*. In 1980, the ties between the SAR and Scouting were further strengthened by establishing its Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Contest.

## Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate

This program provides a certificate of recognition to a new Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout, their parent(s)/guardian(s), or their unit's leadership member, can submit a request form for a Certificate. Once completed, return it to the email address on the form.

The Certificate is presented to Eagle Scouts at their Eagle Courts of Honor. In addition to the Certificate, Eagle Scouts receive a special patch.

Typically, if requested, we would strive to have a SAR member attend the Court of Honor to present the Certificate. However, if conditions prevent this from happening, i.e., a public health emergency, we can make alternative arrangements. Whenever possible, we will be happy to work with the unit to secure a member for the presentation.



Requests for a Certificate can be downloaded at: <https://tinyurl.com/3v8n8mak>

## Eagle Scout Scholarship

For the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, Eagle Scouts could potentially receive \$13,500 (state and national levels) in scholarship funds from their participation (award amounts may be adjusted annually).

Currently registered Eagle Scouts in an active unit who have not reached their 19th birthday in the calendar year of their application are eligible to apply for the contest. The year in which the Eagle Scout Award was awarded is not restricted. The contest requires submitting an application form, a four-generation ancestor chart, a 500-word essay, and a completed permission and release form to the local SAR chapter.

Interested Eagle Scouts should submit a Contest Interest Form to the local SAR Chapter before starting. It can be downloaded at: <https://tinyurl.com/3cvnb8mu>. It is a fact that Eagle Scouts who have worked with the Chapter's Eagle Scout Chair in completing their submission package are much more successful than those who enter the contest without any advanced guidance. In addition, while the requirements are relatively straightforward, the ranking of contestants can come down to grammatical usage in an essay or how the application is completed between two equally ranked contestants. Therefore, the Chapter's Eagle Scout chair can assist Eagle Scouts in improving their chance of success. The deadline for submitting all forms for this contest is **December 31**.

The Chapter winner will be presented with a bronze medal, a certificate, a patch, and a cash award. The Chapter winner will be entered into the Texas Society's contest. The state society's winner will receive the SAR Eagle Trophy, a certificate, and \$3,500 in scholarship funds. In addition, the winner will be submitted to the National Society for consideration. The National 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive a \$10,000 award and will be flown to the SAR Annual Congress in July to receive it. Runners-up at the state and national levels also receive scholarship awards. (Scholarship amounts are subject to change annually.)



For more information, contact [SHAC.SAR@gmail.com](mailto:SHAC.SAR@gmail.com) for more details on either program.



# Request for an Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition

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Provide the Eagle Scout's name as it should appear on the Certificate:

\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Eagle Court of Honor Information: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Scouting District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit's Chartering Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Person making the request:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a SAR member in attendance to present the Certificate? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
*We will do our best to have a SAR member present at the Eagle Court of Honor if requested.*

Address where the Certificate should be mailed or delivered:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please submit this form electronically to: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to publish pictures of the Eagle Scout with the Certificate, our policy requires a signed parental permission form on file. In addition, we would like to accompany any pictures with additional information about the Eagle Scout. Therefore, please complete the parental release and brief biographical forms.

*In compliance with the Youth Protection Policy of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, any emails initiated from minors to a SAR member must include their parent/guardian in the communication. Therefore, SAR members will reply to a minor's email but must have the minor's parents/guardian, plus one other SAR chapter member, on the communication.*



# Parent/Guardian Permission & Release Form

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution



\_\_\_ Eagle Scout Scholarship/Certificate

\_\_\_ Orations Scholarship Contest

\_\_\_ C.A.R. Scholarship Contest

\_\_\_ Poster/Brochure Contest

\_\_\_ Knight Essay Scholarship Contest

\_\_\_ JROTC Bronze Medal/ Scholarship Contest

I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name, hereinafter the "Participant"). I am familiar with the above-designated award program(s) or contest(s) of the Sons of the American Revolution (hereinafter the "Program") and am willing to and hereby give my consent to have the Participant participate in the Program(s) identified above. The Participant shall abide by the Program's rules as determined in the sole discretion of the Society; Participant understands that failure to abide by the rules of the Program and this Agreement shall be grounds for disqualification.

I hereby assign and grant to the Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution and its local chapters (hereinafter the "Society") the right and permission to use and publish photographs/film/videotape/electronic representations and/or sound recordings of me or the Participant at all Sons of the American Revolution activities and to have the photographs/film/videotape/electronic representations and/or sound recordings and any other materials related to the Program (including but not limited to essays, posters, and written scripts, or transcribed oral presentations) published in newspapers or other periodicals or in other media, such as television or radio, including those of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution or of the state and national societies of the Sons of the American Revolution or in any other public record including postings to the Internet on the web sites of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the state and national societies of the Sons of the American Revolution. All materials submitted to the Society as part of a Program, including all copyrights to same (hereinafter the "Materials") shall become the sole property of the Society. All content in the Materials shall be original Material unless prior written permission to re-publish has been granted to the Participant and such right is transferred in writing to the Society prior to submission. Society shall have all rights relating to the Materials, including the right to create derivative works that include the Material in whole or in part. Use of Materials by the Society does not guarantee that the Participant is a winner of a Program, nor obligate the Society to compensate the Participant or me in any way. I hereby release and hold harmless the Society, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with a Program from any and all liability related in any way to the Participant's participation in the Program and from the use and publication of photos, video and other materials authorized by this Agreement. The Society is not responsible for any errors or omissions or anything else (including but not limited to the failure of audio-video equipment, technical malfunctions, deletions, errors in transmissions, and human error) relating to the Program. I also indemnify and hold harmless the Society for any violation of copyright or other intellectual property right brought against the Society for the use or publication of non-original materials included in the Materials.

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\_\_\_ I hereby request that the child's surname not be published but instead be referred to only by the first letter of the last name (for example, instead of using John Doe, John D. would be used.)

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

X \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Biographical Information

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*Please use additional paper if needed.*

\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Private/Parochial \_\_\_\_ Public School School District: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of hours for Eagle Scout Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe Eagle Scout Project:

Scouting Activities (camps, OA, leadership positions, etc.; include number of years active):

School Activities (clubs, JROTC, athletics, leadership positions, etc.; include number of years active):

Community Activities (religious, Scouting, volunteer, leadership positions, etc.; include number of years active):

Post-Secondary Plans:

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Save the form before entering information for this Eagle Scout Certificate Request Form. Then, replace the file name with the following format: ***Doe Jane – Eagle Scout Certificate Request Form.pdf***. The choice of the folder you save the document is your choice.

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1. Click the PDF file's icon in the Finder to select it.
2. Choose file> Get Info.
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4. Choose Adobe Reader from the Open with menu (if not on the list, choose "Other").
5. Click Change All.

If you still have a problem with this form, please contact the Chapter's Awards Chairman at the bottom of the form.