

Eagle Scout Ambition Statement

Hello, My name is [REDACTED]. I am a Scout in Scouts BSA Troop [REDACTED]. Scouting has had a huge impact on my life. I have been a Scout since I was a Tiger. I have always wanted to be an Eagle Scout because I thought the badges they had looked cool. However, now that I am this close, I realize it is not about the badge but about the journey. Through this letter I hope to explain my journey as a Scout.

As a Cub Scout, I focused primarily on collecting as many belt loops as possible, aiming to be the most “blinged-out” kid around. Yes, I completed the requirements to earn each rank. Yes, I did the work, However, this approach meant I didn't truly absorb the lessons being offered. I knew what the kids in the Troop got to do and I was excited about getting to do that. Having said that, completing each rank and eventually earning my Arrow of Light was an important step in my journey and there are leadership lessons that I did learn while a Cub Scout.

However, when I crossed over to Troop [REDACTED], my perspective began to shift. At first, I considered quitting because it felt like we weren't doing much. We repeated the same requirements over and over for the first three years. We were not working towards a goal, we were not learning the “why”, but I became exceptionally proficient at the Tenderfoot personal fitness requirements. However, my dad asked that I reflect on what Scouting truly represents. It was at that point that I decided I was going to work hard to improve the experience for myself and for future Scouts.

As I progressed through Scout, Tenderfoot, and Second Class, I learned important values like maturity, diligence, and teamwork. These skills were essential because I was no longer with my family; I was now surrounded by other Scouts, and the behaviors I exhibited as a Cub Scout were no longer acceptable.

Achieving First Class taught me valuable organizational and social skills. I had always struggled with disorganization, but serving as the Quartermaster helped me develop the skills I lacked. Additionally, the requirements of First Class pushed me out of my comfort zone, helping me to communicate more effectively.

As I began my journey into the high ranks of the Scouts BSA program, there was a major adult leadership change in the Troop. Troop [REDACTED] had a new Scoutmaster, and Committee Chair start working with the Troop and they helped guide our Troop into a new direction. A direction that focused on personal development, leadership development, and personal accountability. The timing of this change could not have benefited me more. While the Star, and Life Ranks have their own unique requirements, being a real leader was not something I was prepared to take on. However the guidance provided by the new directions and focus on leadership building provided me the training, and guidance I desperately needed to find success eventually leading me to becoming the Senior Patrol Leader. SPL taught me the difference between a boss and a leader. This realization helped me grow into a more effective leader, as I understood the

importance of being a role model for younger scouts. This realization helped me develop my time management skills, it taught me how to work with different kinds of people, and it taught me there is never one way to do something. I consider this to be one of the most essential skills I acquired as a Scout.

Scouting influences my daily life in countless ways, from school to extracurricular activities like swimming. It shapes how I present myself, interact with others, and approach my assignments. I like to envision life as a hiking trail, even though I am not a hiking fan, it is filled with ups and downs, twists and turns. I see Scouting as both the supportive shoes that help me navigate this journey and the map & compass that guide me along the way. Whether or not I achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, I intend to remain involved in Scouting to inspire others as I have been inspired.

Looking ahead, I hope to work for Shriners Hospitals for Children, particularly the facility in Greenville, which focuses on helping children with serious illnesses. Shriners has played a significant role in my life, and I want to give back by assisting others who are facing similar challenges. In ten years, I also envision having a family and sharing the values of Scouting with my children, living by the principles instilled in me through this incredible program.

I don't know that there is one part of Scouting that has helped guide me in any certain direction. But I do know that the collective of all of those parts, from my first meeting as a Tiger Cub, through the delivery of my Eagle Scout Project, every step of my life has been influenced by the lessons I learned through Scouting.

Thank you for considering my journey and aspirations.

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For 10 years Scouting has been a part of my life. I joined all the way back when I was 7 years old and in my journey from a wolf all the way to a Life Scout I have learned many things. I've learned both confidence and leadership, as well as to better sustain myself. Being thrown into situations where I've had to take action and learning all sorts of skills has helped me accomplish all of this. I've realized that I want to help others and the world around me in my life. I want to make things as best as they possibly can be all across a world full of hate and misunderstanding.

After I graduate I am planning on going to Horry Georgetown Technical College and eventually switching over to a four year school. I want to get a degree in creative writing because it is something I am passionate about. I want to be able to express my creativity in a way that will resonate with people around the world and hopefully inspire them. I also plan on working on the side and getting a stable job that will keep me stable just in case my passion projects never blow up. I also want to try to travel somewhere soon so I can get more of a taste of what the world is like.

My long term goal will be to become a successful author and use my work to leave an impact. But also I want to make sure I'm able to live a happy life doing what I personally enjoy as well. I feel like if you don't spend your life doing what you love you are wasting it. And I just don't want to waste anything. I want to be there for the people I care about, fight against injustice, spread my creativity, and be myself. If I can do all of these things I will view myself as successful.

My friends and family have been with me every step of the way throughout this journey. My dad specifically has helped me a lot in scouting by teaching me new things. When I'm in my 30's I still want to be helping my community and many others. One of the key things I have learned is to care about the world. Care for others, care for nature, care for myself. I'm going to live by all of this the best that I can, and maybe I will leave a mark even if it isn't much.

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My name is ██████████, and I am a Scout in Troop ██████. I began my Scouting life as a Tiger, and the experiences I've had since that time have shaped me into the person I am today. While I was initially drawn to Scouting by the adventure and potential to earn badges, I have come to realize that the true benefit of the program lies in the leadership, service, and character development.

As I moved up the ranks, I faced obstacles that disciplined me, schooled me in teamwork, and persistence. Finishing Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class made me stronger and more independent. Leadership roles such as assistant senior patrol leader taught me responsibility, communication, and how to lead people, not just yell orders. All of these have carried over into my daily life, allowing me to succeed in school, extracurricular activities, and in my professional life.

Scouting has also taught me the importance of giving back. My Eagle Scout project allowed me to lead others in service and taught me how to plan, delegate, and make a lasting impact in my community. I've learned that leadership is not about recognition but about service and example.

I am currently on the path to graduate from high school this December and will pursue a college education at Horry Georgetown Technical College in the spring. In the future, I plan to become an aircraft/automotive technician, where I'll be able to utilize the values and skills that I've acquired in Scouting to help make a positive impact. In 10 years, I hope to be a professional in my field, still living by the Scout Oath and Law.

At this time, I am not sure what my future involvement in Scouting will be. I have been introduced to exciting opportunities and will work through those decisions after I take adequate time to decide what is best for me. The most important part for me at this point is knowing that the path to Eagle has been a path of learning, challenge, and growth. It has set me up to be a leader with integrity and live a life of purpose and service. I am grateful for the experience and am excited to live these values out in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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