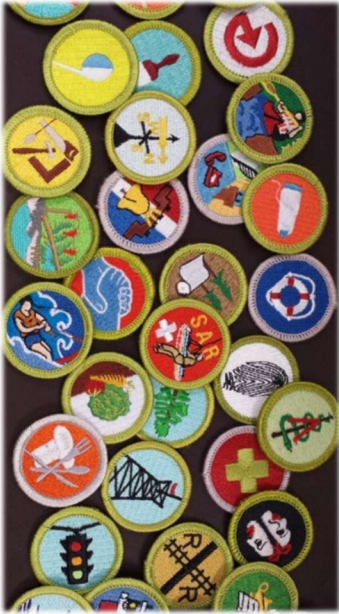




Advancement Tips for Scouts BSA leaders



Local Merit Badge Counselor list is available through Scoutbook for all currently registered Counselors. Look for “MB Counselor List” on My Dashboard or Troop home, then select badge and parameters of search.

All Merit Badge Pamphlets are available for free in pdf format. Printed versions are still available for purchase. Find the list here: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

Merit Badge Test Lab: Potential Merit Badges can be tested by your Scouts! <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab/>

Advancement Resources: Additional information about advancement. [Advancement and Awards Resources](#)

Awards Central: where the most up-to-date information about Scouting America awards found, including applications & nomination forms: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/>

Eagle Scout Rank Application

The Eagle process is an exercise in skills each Eagle Scout candidate should have acquired through school and Scouts. It is an exercise in planning and presenting. Legibility is paramount.

A pre-filled Eagle Scout Rank Application can be found for any Scouts BSA youth member through Scoutbook, just type references and print:

My Dashboard → Reports Menu → Eagle Application → Input Member ID and Last Name → Run

If any merit badges are missing from the application, that means they are not properly recorded on the Scout’s advancement record.

The blank form can be found in Advancement Resources linked above.

Eagle Scout Recommendations are now needed from four references (still ask 5-7 references). References can no longer include parent/guardian, Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair (2025 GtA).

New Eagle Scout Recommendation Process Effective 10/01/2025!

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