Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scout Extension

Details on Extension for Eagle Boards of Review for Those Who Wish to Be in the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts

These are historic times for our Movement. The coronavirus pandemic is having a direct impact in many Scouts' ability to continue on their trail to Eagle – especially having completed all their requirements prior to the boards of review that are to be held from 10/1-31/2020.

Because we want all girls who joined in 2019 and wish to be a part of the Inaugural Class of female Eagle Scouts to have the benefit of such an experience, and after carefully considering recommendations from stakeholders, including feedback from volunteers and professionals, we will be extending the period for boards of review from 10/1/2020 – 1/31/2021. To further support the Inaugural Class, all boards of reviews will be dated with the same date by the National Service Center.

While this notice discusses the Inaugural Class of female Eagle Scouts, the lengthening of the Eagle board of review window is applicable to all Scouts who were granted the inaugural extension, regardless of gender.

As a reminder, all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or as a member of a Venturing crew or a Sea Scouts ship after achieving First Class in Scouts BSA, per the Guide to Advancement.

Scouting At Home Award

Scouting At Home Award For Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers & Leaders



Mayflower Council would like to recognize Scouts and adults who are Scouting at Home with a patch that is sure to be a collector item. Requirements for Scouts and leaders to earn this award are simple.

Guidelines:

1. Complete the requirements for the appropriate rank
2. Complete online award completion form
3. Order your patch.
    - The link to order your patch will be provided when you submit your online completion form
    - Patches are $4 each
    - Our patch design is above and we think it’s so cool

4. Award is available for a limited time requirements must be completed by June 30 and patches must be ordered by July 15.
5. Contact Joe Livingston or Rick Riopelle if you have questions about the award.

We ask the parents work with the Scouts to please post a picture on social media of each requirement and share it with pictures of these completed requirements in a style like this:

Scouting taught me about my Duty to Self. Because of that I took time for myself today outside reading (insert picture reading) #mayflowerscoutsinaction

Scouting taught me to be Friendly. Because of that I cooked this delicious dessert for my family (insert photo) #mayflowerscoutsinaction

Scouting At Home Award Requirements

To earn the patch, complete the following requirements inspired by the Scout Oath and Law:

Mandatory Requirements (Complete all 3, applicable to all levels of the program)

1. *Duty to God/Country*: Stay home and only visit with friends virtually
2. *Duty to Others*: Track a chore that you do around the house
3. *Duty to Self*: Spend as much time as you can outside everyday (weather permitting)

Program level specific requirements (Complete requirements for your program)

Cub Scout Elective Requirements (complete 5 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual den meetings
- *Helpful*: Help prepare one meal or snack for your family
- *Friendly*: Complete an activity loop or pin with your family
- *Courteous*: Invite a friend to a virtual pack event
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*:Help your parents complete a home or automobile repair or project.
- *Cheerful*: Spend one hour playing a non-electronic game or games with your family
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*:
    - (Bears – AOL) Camp one night out in your yard with your parent(s) or family.
    - (Lions – Wolves) 'camp out' one night in a room of your house without TV or electronics.
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Scouts BSA Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual troop meetings
- *Helpful*: Cook supper for your family using basic ingredients
- *Friendly*: Lead your family in a game night(s) totaling three hours of non-electronic gaming
- *Courteous*: Perform a service project for your family approved by your parents
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a

family member.
- *Obedient*: Complete a merit badge virtually
- *Cheerful*: Entertain your family with your favorite skit
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*: Teaching another scout a new skill virtually
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Venturing Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual crew meetings
- *Helpful*: Perform a service project for your family approved by your parents
- *Friendly*: Cook a breakfast, lunch, supper and a dessert for your family using basic ingredients.
- *Courteous*: Create and perform a ‘safety checklist’ for your home. This should include things like checking smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and identifying hazards in the home.
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*: Grant your parents 1 wish, and fulfill it without complaint
- *Cheerful*: Lead your family in game nights totaling five hours of non-electronic gaming.
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*: Create a 10 minute instructional video about something that interests you. Share this video on a social media platform with the #mayflowerscoutsinaction
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)

- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Adult Leader Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

You thought we forgot about our amazing volunteers? Scouting has a fun opportunity for you to earn this patch as well!

- *Trustworthy*: Provide feedback on how Mayflower Council can better support you utilizing this form.
- *Loyal*: Attend your virtual district roundtable.
- *Helpful*: Find a way to help your neighbor.
- *Friendly*: Interact with the council's or district's Facebook pages- find a new Scouting friend and share an aspect of Scouting you are passionate about.
- *Courteous*: Help your troop engage in virtual meeting or merit badge classes.
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*: Follow the Mayflower Council guidelines for social distancing while Scouting.
- *Cheerful*: Post your best tips on staying upbeat during this difficult time for other Scouts and Scouters.
- *Thrifty*: Help your Council identify a business or donor willing to help fund Scouting (social media post will be worked out with donor or business).
- *Brave*: Have a conversation with someone you disagree with. Find common ground on a topic.
- *Clean*: Pack/organize your backpack and gear for your first Scouting adventure post COVID-19. Share where you're planning to go on the council Facebook page.
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion.

Award Completion Form

Summer Camp Pre-meeting Video

A pre-camp meeting was held virtually in March. If you happened to miss the meeting, please view the video below. You will also find questions and answers that were compiled from this meeting.

Book Your Summer Camp Experience Now

Questions and Answers

Virtual Training

Opportunities – April and May

Click on the image to download a PDF.

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Virtual Training Opportunities

April and May 2020

Mayflower Council has canceled or postponed all in-person training courses until it is safe for groups to gather again. In the meantime, we've set up a series of free online workshops to help Scouts and Scouters complete training requirements and gain skills and tools to run a successful program—even in challenging times. Please join us!

Online Training Workshops

Date and time	Course	Who it's for	Details
Wednesday, **April 22, 2020** 8:00-9:00 PM Register	**Tools and Tips for Virtual Scouting**	All adult leaders	During this pandemic, many packs and troops are finding creative ways to run online den and pack meetings, troop and patrol meetings, merit badge classes, and even virtual camping trips! Join us as we share some tips and success stories from the first month of "virtual Scouting." This one-hour session will be a great chance to learn about what other units are doing, which online tools work best, and how to set your online meetings up for success. This session will be useful for packs and troops who are trying to get started online, as well as those who are already doing it but are interested in learning new tips!
Thursday, **April 30, 2020** 7:00-8:30 PM Register	**Troop Committee PST**	Scouts BSA Troop Committee Members (and anyone interested in becoming one)	Learn how an effective Troop Committee can support a successful youth-led Scouts BSA troop. This course covers all the important functions that the Troop Committee should provide. If you're a member of the Troop Committee, this course is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. This course covers the same material as the version at https://my.scouting.org, but we're going to try to include the benefits of our in-person version, with more interactivity and the chance to meet and share ideas with fellow leaders.
Sunday, **May 3, 2020** 7:00-8:00 PM Register	**Merit Badge Counselor PST**	Scouts BSA Merit Badge Counselors (and anyone interested in becoming one)	Learn how Scouts BSA merit badges work, the roles and responsibilities of a merit badge counselor, and tips for helping Scouts learn skills and grow as individuals through the merit badge process. This course covers the same material as the version at https://my.scouting.org, but doing it together means we can have more useful interaction and discussion. We'll also share ideas for teaching merit badges online during the pandemic. At the end of this course, you'll be trained for your position and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch.
Tuesday, **May 12, 2020** 7:00-8:00 PM Register	**Intro to ILST**	Scoutmasters, ASMs, SPLs, and ASPLs	Introduction to Leadership Skills (ILST) for Troops is the first stage of the Scouts BSA youth leadership training program. It's designed to be taught within each troop, led by the Scoutmaster and SPL. This course (also called "Junior Leader Training" and many other things through the years) sets your Patrol Leaders and other youth leaders up to succeed by helping them understand their roles and responsibilities in running a youth-led troop. Our one-hour webinar on May 12 is *not* the actual ILST course (the actual ILST is 4 to 5 hours of material, and it should be taught within your troop). But it *is* an opportunity for Scoutmasters, ASMs, and top youth leaders (SPL, ASPL) to learn more about ILST! We'll talk about the course materials, suggest resources, and share examples and tips from troops about when and where to run ILST and how to make it successful and fun. If you'd like to "up your game" on youth leader training, join us on May 12!

Updated 4/19/20

Date and time	Course	Who it's for	Details
Sunday, **May 17, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM Register	**Cub Leader Basic Training: Part 1 of 2**	All Cub Scout adult leaders	Join us for the official "position-specific" training for all Cub Scout positions! If you haven't taken the online training at https://my.scouting.org yet, join our webinar version instead. We'll try to include a lot of the interactivity that we get when we do this training in person, including the chance to meet and share ideas with fellow leaders. The national curriculum covers almost 4 hours, so we've split it into two evenings. After you complete both parts, you'll be considered trained for your position and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch. Part 1 includes aims and methods, pack and den structure, advancement, and other basics of the Cub Scouting program.
Sunday, **May 24, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM Sunday, **May 31, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM	**Cub Leader Basic Training: Part 2 of 2**	All Cub Scout adult leaders	This is the second half of the training we're starting on May 17. In Part 2, we'll split into breakout sessions with more detailed topics for each position (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee). We'll also come together to talk about ways to build stronger dens and packs with active programming and family involvement. We're offering Part 2 twice to make sure to provide an extra opportunity for anyone who can't make it on May 24. Also, if you want to get trained for more than one position, you can attend on both May 24 and May 31 and join a different breakout group each time.

What About Other Training Courses?

Adult leaders can still take many training courses available on demand from the BSA at https://my.scouting.org. Scouts BSA and Venturing youth can take Den Chief training online at www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training. We normally run in-person versions of many of these courses, but some are hard to deliver well in a custom webinar. For example, our in-person Den Chief course focuses on hands-on group activities (crafts, wide games, role plays), and it's hard to do this well online. For this reason and others, we encourage you to take the standard BSA training for now.

A few other training courses like BALOO, IOLS, and Wilderness/Remote First Aid require a lot of physical hands-on skill practice. It's just not possible to meet the learning objectives effectively in a virtual setting. Regrettably, this means we can't offer these training courses right now. We look forward to offering live courses again when it's safe to do so!

What Else Can I Do From Home?

1. **Renew Youth Protection Training (YPT)!** This two-hour training expires every two years. If you've been registered as a leader for a while, chances are you took it in 2018 when the BSA made everyone take the new course. That means you need to retake it in 2020. Get it done! Visit https://my.scouting.org.
2. **Take other position-specific training (PST) online.** If you're a Cub Scout leader (any position), Troop Committee member, Merit Badge Counselor, or many other positions, you can complete basic training for your position at https://my.scouting.org. See the requirements to be Trained for your position in our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training. Every Scout deserves trained leaders!
3. **Fix your training records!** Some old courses may be missing, especially for longtime Scouters. Log into https://my.scouting.org to check your training completions. If something is missing, please contact your district training chair or the council training chair (see below) to start. We generally ask for proof via certificate or course director confirmation.
4. **Earn a training knot!** See application forms with requirements at www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx (scroll down to "Training Awards"). Forms can be signed electronically or scanned and emailed to awards@mayflowerbsa.org. From there, they'll be routed to your district training chair for approval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- *Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration:* www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- *BSA online training:* https://my.scouting.org
- *Council training chair:* Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
- *Staff contact:* Rick Riopelle: rick@mayflowerbsa.org

Camping At Home Challenge

We are happy to announce the Mayflower Camping at Home Challenge!

Show us your best at home campsite for the chance to win a $50 campership to any Mayflower Council Camp in 2020.

Challenge Guidelines:

- Set up a campsite in your backyard, basement, living room, or wherever works best for you!
- Post a picture, video, or time-lapse of your setup on Facebook or Instagram. We want to see your most creative and practical campsites.
- Tag Mayflower Council in your Facebook (@mayflowerbsa) or Instagram (@mayflowerbsa) post, and don’t forget to add the hashtag #mayflowerscoutsinaction
- Our favorite Camping at Home submission will be featured on the Mayflower Council social media, and will receive a $50 campership to any Mayflower Council Camp in 2020

This challenge Runs Saturday April 18 at 8:00 PM – Saturday April 25 at 11:59 PM

Virtual Merit Badge Offerings

The Mayflower Council has secured merit badge councelors to teach a few merit badges virtually. Scouts can now sign up

for the following virtual merit badge offerings. More offerings will be coming soon.

Space is limited, please sign up as soon as possible. Each course is only $10.00.

Click on the merit badge you are interested in to sign up.

Animation – Interested in digital animation? Have you ever made your own? Want to try for the first time? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Animation Merit Badge! Dates: April 21, April 28, May 5 (possible May 12).

Digital Technology – Interested in the cyber world? Do you know the difference between a bit and a byte? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Digital Technology Merit Badge! Dates: April 28, May 5, May 12, & May 19.

Entrepreneurship – Do you have a new business idea? Do you want to talk to someone who started their own business? Want to learn how to make that idea a reality? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Entrepreneurship Merit Badge! Dates: April 22, April 29 & May 6.

Genealogy – Do you know your Family tree? Do you know how to trace your heritage and family ancestry? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Genealogy Merit Badge! Dates: April 23, April 30 & May 7.

Indian Lore – Are you interested in Native American culture? Do you know about American Indian names, tribes, games, art or songs? Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Indian Lore Merit Badge! Dates: April 21 & 28.

Scholarship – Your school classroom might be your kitchen table these days, but you still put in the work to prove

you’re a Scholar! Join us for a remote and virtual Merit Badge Experience to earn your Scholarship Merit Badge! Dates: April 22 & 24.

After you sign up, the councelor will email you with information how to log in.

We’re Excited to Welcome You to Camp!

Dear Leaders:

We all learned early in Scouting that every Scout should Be Prepared. Who would have thought it would be as relevant as it is now during the COVID-19 situation? Scouting has helped prepare us to be ready for challenges. We’re all learning new ways to work, teach, learn, and play. The Mayflower Council is doing everything we can to adapt to the times so Scouting can carry on and continue to be a vital part of our and the Scouts lives. This includes getting ready for summer camp. Our teams at Camp Resolute, Adventure Day Camp and Camp Squanto are excited to welcome you this summer and we anticipate a fantastic experience. The pre camp meetings have been held and if you were unable to attend, a recording of one is available at the Mayflower Council website. That recording is available here: Camp Kickoff

Right now, our rangers are continuing with planned maintenance and set-up for you. The camps are coming back to life after the winter and camp directors are putting together the best camp staffs ever. We are planning an epic year at our council camps in an effort to put all the uncertainties we are facing

today behind us. All we need is you!

Registration is open right now and will remain open. Since our units aren't meeting in-person, we know that collecting deposits and payments for camp is a bit more challenging so we've adjusted our deadlines. The early bird registration discount for Adventure Day Camp and Adventure Overnight continues until May 15 and for the Scout resident camps until May 31.

Camp is something all Scouts should be able to experience and we are here to help you find ways to make that happen. For families that need assistance, our campership program is available. Please visit our campership form, Mayflower Campership , to apply in confidence.

There is no risk for families and units of losing money by signing up for Mayflower Camps now. In the event that camp does not open or has a shortened season due to COVID-19 and your troop or campers are unable to attend during your scheduled time, all camp fees paid will be refunded.

Part of being prepared is minimizing risks, and we are updating camp operations to minimize threats such as COVID-19. As we learn more, we continuously update policies and procedures to comply with local and national directives. As camp gets closer, we will review those policies and procedures and will clearly communicate changes or adjustments to you. This may require help from units even before you arrive at camp so please check our website for the very latest updates concerning the Mayflower camps. The Mayflower Council continues to update Mayflower Council COVID-19 Information so check in regularly.

In the meantime, stay home, stay well, and stay tuned for further updates.

Yours in Scouting,

Camp Directors
Chris Thorp, Adventure Day Camp
Rick Poirier, Camp Resolute
Rich Carlson, Camp Squanto

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon?

Put a smile on first and identify Mayflower Council as your designated charity.

Amazon has donated over $100 Million to charitable organizations through the Amazon Smile program. The Mayflower Council is pleased to offer our supporters an easy way to help our Scouting program.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Mayflower Council, BSA.

Next time you purchase items thru Amazon, remember to log in with a SMILE! Just add a smile before amazon – smile.amazon.com, identify the Mayflower Council as your charitable organization and you are done.

Thank you for shopping with a SMILE and giving back to Scouting.

Nobscot March News

Greetings Nobscot Nation!

Had enough of everything going on? I’m ready to move on! As you may be aware, our Council has cancelled all group meetings – which includes unit meetings. Many troops have gotten creative and are holding virtual meetings. All rentals for Nobscot facilities have been cancelled and monies returned. The Reservation remains open for day hiking – with all appropriate social distancing, etc applied. Dogs, as always, are to be on leashes.

Nobscot Alumni Association Workdays
We had planned our annual Spring & Fall Workdays at Nobscot. Our Spring Workday for April 25 has been cancelled. Our Fall Workday is scheduled for September 26. More info to come.

Graphic Design Help Wanted!
Nobscot needs help from someone who can provide graphic design for the planned, new interpretive wayside signs for the Ralph Sisson Nature Trail. We’ll provide the copy – we need the design and final artwork. We will then have the artwork put on aluminum panels and attached to steel stanchions. Can you help? Please contact me! Larry@RedBearFam.com

Your NAA Nobscot Hammer Crew At Work!
A new water treatment system has been installed in White Lodge at Nobscot Scout Reservation to relieve an ongoing problem of foul smelling water. The system feeds the White Lodge kitchen, Henderson Lodge showers and kitchen and the Nobscot Campmaster Corps HQ. The system was designed by Kevin Doherty owner of Knoll Environmental who volunteered his expertise to test the wells, review and analyze the historical data and design the system.

The system was installed by the volunteers of the Nobscot Hammer Crew who have donated thousands of hours of labor to Nobscot. According to Pete Lane, Hammer Head, “We’re confident that this new system will resolve the water problem so our guests will have a much more pleasant experience.”



The Nobscot Hammer Crew, a Committee of the Nobscot Alumni Association, typically meets every Tuesday at Nobscot to accomplish a variety of tasks including re-roofing all 11 of the Adirondack shelters, painting, splitting firewood, repairing cabins, etc. If you are interested in joining the Crew contact Pete.Lane@comcast.net

If you are interested in establishing a Hammer Crew for either

Camp Squanto or Camp Resolute contact the Camp Rangers – Squanto: David Moulton David.Moulton@scouting.org. Resolute: Davis Stockton davis.stockton@scouting.org

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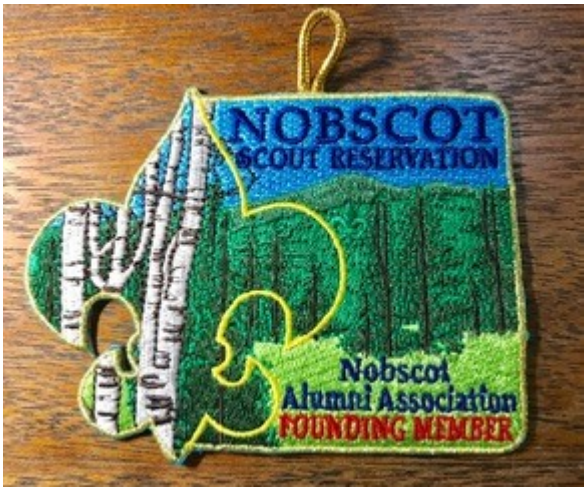
Tools Donations
Thank you to NAA member John Rogers who has donated a large amount of rakes, shovels and various other hand tools to Nobscot!

Wills, Trusts, Bequests, Charitable Giving….
Some of us are getting along in life and making decisions about our assets. Please consider the Nobscot Alumni Association as a beneficiary. By giving directly to the NAA (and stating that fact) – monies will go directly to Nobscot. I'm not a lawyer so I can't advise you. But most certainly if you have any questions you can contact Jim Corcoran is our Council Development Director and can help explain how to structure your gift and how you can ensure that donated monies go directly to Nobscot.

Your Association Dues
We really, really appreciate folks stepping up to send in your Membership $. YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT! We need you! Membership Levels: Silver Oakleaf $25 annual; Gold Oakleaf $50 annual; Life Member $500 (1x fee); Founding Life Member $1,000 (1x fee). If not us, who?? If not now, when??

Need a year to pay? Two years? Not a problem. Contact me and we'll work it out.

You'll receive a Nobscot Alumni Association Patch with your level of membership embroidered directly on the patch



Founding Members and Life Members will receive a suitable-for-framing Certificate along with a patch!

Make your check out to the Nobscot Alumni Association and mail it to the Nobscot Alumni Association, c/o Mary Tucker, Mayflower Council, 2 Mount Royal Ave – Suite 100, Marlboro MA 01752. PLEASE email me Larry@RedBearFam.com and give me a heads up that you've sent your check! Any questions please feel free to contact me.
(It should be noted that because we are a part of Mayflower Council, BSA, your membership qualifies under the Council's non-profit 501(c)(3) status. Obviously, you would need to consult your tax professional for full details.)

So which communities does our Council serve?
Abington, Ashland, Avon, Bellingham, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, Cohasset, Duxbury, Easton, East Bridgewater, Framingham, Franklin, Foxborough, Halifax, Hanson, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hudson, Kingston, Marlborough, Marshfield, Maynard, Medfield, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millis, Hull, Natick, Newton, Norfolk, Northborough, Norwell, Norwood, Pembroke, Plainville, Plymouth, Plympton, Randolph, Rockland, Scituate, Sharon, Sherborn, Southborough, Stoughton, Stow, Sudbury, Walpole, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, West Bridgewater, Westborough, Weymouth, Wrentham and Whitman.

Want to re-register as an adult Scouter?
If your registration has lapsed and you'd like to re-register, it's a simple process. Please fill out the two forms – one is the Adult Application and the other is the CORI check form. Print both of them out. Make sure to answer all the questions on the right-hand side of the form, and fill out the Background Check Authorization form at the end. The CORI form is two pages and requires a copy of your license or other government id. You also need to take Youth Protection Training which is an online experience. All adults have to take it. Please go to My.Scouting.org and login as a new member to take the training. Once completed, please print out the completion certificate and email all paperwork to Membership@MayflowerBSA.org or mail to: Mayflower Council, ATTN: Membership, 2 Mount Royal Ave – Suite 100, Marlboro MA 01752

Please let me know if you have any problems with all this!

BTW – any years you have already spent in Scouting count towards your new years when you re-register! If you have any questions or concerns – email me. NOTE: It's not required for you to be registered to be part of the Alumni Association but certainly just having the liability insurance is a good reason to join!

Facebook
If you're on Facebook be sure and visit and LIKE the Nobscot Alumni Association page!
https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nobscotscoutreservation/

Larry Bearfield
President
Nobscot Alumni Association

Requesting Extensions for Advancement

- Requesting an Extension – Guide to Advancement (GTA)

Section 9.0.4.0

Step 1 – Is the Scout eligible for an Extension?Rick Riopelle2021-02-05T16:35:11-05:00

Step 1 – Is the Scout eligible for an Extension?

- These extensions are available only to youth members who qualify under the three tests listed in the below explanation from the 2021 edition of the Guide to Advancement (GTA)
- "Time Extensions" 9.0.4.0 – posted below

Note from Mayflower Council:
Council Advancement Committees have been told that after Dec. 31, 2020, there is no plan to authorize COVID-19 extensions as has been allowed during 2020. It is possible, however, that as of Jan. 1, 2021, COVID-19 could become a circumstance that warrants an extension if it qualifies under the three tests listed in 9.0.4.0, below.

9.0.4.0 Time Extensions

If a Scout foresees that due to no fault or choice of his or her own, it will be impossible to complete the Eagle Scout rank requirements before age 18 may apply to the local council for a limited time extension. These should be granted only when necessary and are reserved only for work on Eagle. When a time extension is requested, the Scout should continue working on the requirements until a final decision is delivered. In most cases, unless the National Council has issued other direction, a request must meet the three tests listed below to be approved.

Sea Scouts or Venturers who foresee that due to no fault or choice of their own, it will be impossible to complete the Quartermaster or Summit requirements before age 21, must use the same tests, process, and form described in topics 9.0.4.0,

9.0.4.1, and 9.0.4.2 to request a limited time extension.

The Three tests to see if a Scout is eligible for an extension:

Test #1:
1. The member joined or rejoined (or became active again after a period of inactivity, or became refocused on advancement after a period of inattention) in time to complete all requirements before turning 18.

Test #2:
2. Through no fault or choice of the Scout, an unforeseen circumstance or life changing event with severe consequences has come to exist that now precludes completion of the requirements before the deadline.

Examples might include, but are not limited to, a hospital stay, disabling injury, significant personal or family incident or issue, natural disaster, severe unseasonable weather, or the actions of others (see below the line, “Misinformation from adults in positions of authority”). If the circumstance is health related, it should have been unforeseen and of recent onset, or a complication or intensification of an ongoing issue.

Test #3:
3. The circumstance is beyond the control of the Scout, could not have been anticipated or planned for, and was not or cannot be resolved in time to complete the requirements.

Misinformation from adults in positions of authority
Since we teach obedience as one of the Scout Laws, it follows that guidance and direction from an adult leader carries significant weight. Adults who are misinformed about advancement requirements and timing have, at times, created circumstances that necessitated extensions. Councils must consider the circumstances of each case. If it can be established that a Scout followed incorrect guidance and

direction in good faith, then Test #2—as it relates to the actions of others—may be considered fulfilled, even though the Scout has a handbook and should have read it.

Applying the three tests
Whether a request for extension meets the three tests above requires the exercise of carefully considered and debated judgement. If the council advancement committee is unsure about whether an extension should be granted, the National Council encourages local councils to find in favor of the Scout.

Step 2 – Process for Requesting and Reviewing a Time Extension – GTA Section 9.0.4.1Rick Riopelle2022-11-05T10:51:33-04:00

Step 2 – Process for Requesting and Reviewing a Time Extension – GTA Section 9.0.4.1

See "Process for Requesting and Reviewing a Time Extension," 9.0.4.1, written below:

To begin this process, please use this form: 11.2.0.0 Request for Extension of Time to Earn the Eagle Scout Rank

Please email AdvancementExtension@mayflowerbsa.org to let them know to expect this, and to get their guidance and suggestions on how to proceed

Who is able to get an extension? – These are available only to youth who qualify according to the three tests listed in "Time Extensions," 9.0.4.0 (please read section above).

Who can request an extension for a Scout? – A Scout, his or her parent or guardian, unit leader, or members of the unit committee may file such requests.

Who reviews these requests for extension? – The Council Advancement Committee must research and evaluate requests and recommend decisions to the Scout Executive. A subcommittee in

the Council Advancement Committee will be in touch with all individuals involved in the reason for the extension. A letter from the Committee and the Scout Executive will be sent out if/when the extension is granted. This is explained in items #2 and #3 below.

How long may these extensions be? – Councils have the authority to grant Scouts only enough time to complete the requirements, but not more than a total of six months after the 18th birthday. Under most circumstances, however, three to four months has proven sufficient. This is explained in item #4 below. If a council denies a request or the Scout needs more than six months, an appeal process is discussed in "Appealing a Time Extension Denial," 9.0.4.2, this is explained in item #5 below.

Note from the BSA: Definition of a month

Note as stated on page 2 of the Guide to Advancement a month is a month regardless how many days it has. It is not defined as 30 days or four weeks. For example, the maximum extension of six months means the time period beginning on the Scout's 18th birthday up to the corresponding day six months later, for example, February 2 up to August 2 or August 30 up to February 28 (or 29th if leap year). In essence, the extension expiration date acts like a pseudo 18th birthday, prior to which all requirements must be fulfilled. Six months does not mean 180 days.

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How to Request an Extension

1. Requesting an extension

Requests for time extensions must be submitted to **the Mayflower Council Advancement Committee via email to**

AdvancementExtension@mayflowerbsa.org or by mail to the attention of the staff advisor for advancement or other council designated advancement administrator.

The form, "Request for Extension of Time to Earn the Eagle Scout Rank" (GTA Appendix, 11.2.0.0) may be used for this purpose.

Since council-granted extensions expire no more than six months after the Scout's 18th birthday, **it is wise to submit requests well before a Scout turns 18 years old.** For the same reason, Scouts should be encouraged to continue work on advancement throughout the extension request process.

Requests must:

(a) Explain why or how the circumstances necessitate an extension

(b) indicate the number of months believed to be necessary to complete the requirements

(c) explain how that period of time was determined and,

(d) include documentation of the circumstances. (See "Time Extensions," 9.0.4.0 above on this webpage)

- If a cause is health related, a statement from a health professional must be provided. All documentation and supporting evidence submitted must be dated and include the name of the author.

2. The council's role in evaluating extension requests

The Mayflower Council Advancement Committee understands that time is of the essence. This committee meets monthly through most of the year, however, ad hoc meetings are called to discuss and vote on special case extension situations.

A request for extension will be investigated by a subcommittee

of the Council Advancement Committee composed of registered adults who are familiar with Scouts BSA advancement. They will conduct interviews with as many people with knowledge of the case as possible and obtain detailed written statements from them or prepare written summaries of what is said. A thorough review will likely include the Scout themselves, Scoutmasters, parents, adults registered in the Troop, Eagle coaches, or more in the process, as necessary. This effort must also include any adults who committed errors or provided misinformation and who are reasonably available.

The results of the investigation are then reported to the council advancement committee to deliberate and vote on a recommendation to the Scout Executive, who has final authority on the extension decision (see item #3 below).

All documentation, statements, notes, and any other information collected are retained. They are retained for any situation including the successful rank advancement through a board of review, where this material must be included, OR in the event of a denial and subsequent appeal. (See item #5 below, "In the event of denial.", for information and form)

3. The Scout executive's role

If after receiving the recommendation of the council advancement committee, the Scout Executive **approves** an extension, a letter is sent to the Scout, his or her parent or guardian, the unit leader, and the petitioner who initially submitted the request. A copy of the letter is placed in the council's unit file. The letter will include the following: **(a)** the date the extension expires—no later than six months after the 18th birthday (see above, "Definition of a month"), **(b)** a statement that the Scout must complete the requirements prior to that expiration date, and **(c)** a requirement that a copy of this letter must be attached to the Eagle Scout application when it is submitted to the council. The board of review and submission of the Eagle application

and other paperwork may take place after the expiration date. The Eagle application is entered into the BSA system.

In the event the Scout Executive **disagrees** with the council advancement committee's recommendation—whether about approval, the length of an extension, or **denial**—the Scout executive is consults with the advancement committee chair in order to clarify any misunderstanding of advancement policies and procedures or any recommendation requires more supporting evidence. If agreement is not reached, the Scout Executive's decision stands. See item #5 "In the event of denial" for more steps that can be taken after that.

4. Extensions of more than six months

A six-month extension allows for completion of time-oriented requirements such as position of responsibility, active participation, and those found in some required merit badges. Council's are given guidance from the BSA that in the unlikely event a Scout requires more than six months, the Council must deny the request.

5. In the event of denial

If a Scout is denied an extension, a letter is prepared and sent to the Scout, his or her parent or guardian, the unit leader, and the petitioner who initially submitted the request. The letter will explain the reason for the decision and how to appeal it to the National Council. A copy of the letter is placed in the council's unit file. Only the Scout or his or her parent or guardian may initiate an appeal of an extension denial.

See "Appealing a Time Extension Denial" GTA section 9.0.4.2 and form from the GTA: 11.2.1.0 Appeal of Extension Request Denial

Scouts with disabilities – choosing between extension or registration beyond the age of eligibilityRick Riopelle2021-02-05T16:39:21-05:00

Scouts with disabilities – choosing between extension or registration beyond the age of eligibility

Note from Mayflower Council: Requesting an extension for Rank advancement is typically because of an unforeseen, sudden circumstance that hinders a Scout that would have otherwise been able to finish their rank advancement. Registration beyond the age of eligibility is for Scouts that have permanent and severe disabilities that gives them special consideration to continue as a participant in the Scouting program (advancement, activities, training, etc.) beyond the age of 18. The age of eligibility is defined as (18-y-o for Scouts BSA, 21-y-o for Venturing and Sea Scouts)

Please read the descriptions below from the GTA to understand if your Scout should request an extension or registration beyond the age of eligibility:

In most cases, Scouts are expected to overcome life's ordinary trials. Cause for an extension requires an extraordinary circumstance uncommon to the Scout. Known circumstances, such as moderate learning disabilities or ADD/ADHD, that the Scout has faced over many years and has coped with in the past should **not** suddenly become an issue shortly before the Scout's 18th birthday. Council advancement committees, however, **might consider exceptions** and grant extensions to Scouts with significant disabilities that do not meet the level of severity or permanence required for registration beyond the age of eligibility, but are such that they essentially preclude advancement within the timeframe allowed.

Scouts with permanent and severe disabilities such as those described in section 10, "Advancement for Members With Special Needs," have the opportunity to be registered beyond the age of eligibility. (See link: "Registering Qualified Members Beyond Age of Eligibility," 10.1.0.0.) They do not need to

request an extension, but please read the documentation required for the Council to review and deliberate in order to grant this registration.

Examples from Section 10.1.0.0 of the GTA of conditions that, if severe, may be criteria that qualify a youth for registration beyond the age of eligibility:

- Autism spectrum disorders
- Blind or sight-impaired
- Deaf or hard of hearing
- Cognitive disability
- Developmental delay
- Down syndrome
- Emotional or behavioral disorder
- Physically disabled
- Traumatic brain injury
- Multiple coexisting disabilities

- This is the form necessary to Request for Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility, No. 512-935
- When starting this form, please email AdvancementExtension@mayflowerbsa.org to let them know to expect this, and to get their guidance and suggestions on how to proceed.

Advance copies of these topics and forms are also published at www.scouting.org/advancement.