Requesting Advancement Extensions Due To COVID-19

As of March 20, 2020, the National Council of the BSA released new guidelines for Rank Advancement for all Scouting programs during COVID-19 related social distancing (link below).

Mayflower Council’s Advancement Committee has been assigned permission to grant extensions for Eagle Scout, Venturing Summit Award, and Sea Scout Quartermaster.

Extension Process

If a Scout meets the requirements outlined in the “Specifics” below please follow this process for submitting a petition for an extension

- A petition for an extension may be filed by the Scout, their parent or guardian, their unit leader, or a member of the unit committee
- Petitions should include information such as:
  - Scout’s name, unit, town, rank
  - Unit leader name, contact information (phone, email)
  - Completed requirements, requirements in progress
  - Reason for requesting additional time
  - Status of advancement towards the rank
  - Expectations/plan/time frame needed to complete requirements
- The petition is sent to the council’s designated appeals
coordinators at the following email address: advancementextension@mayflowerbsa.org

- Please submit requests before the Scout’s 18th birthday to allow the committee to conduct the process for approval
- When the council receives a COVID-19-related request for a time extension, the petition coordination team will review the request and approve it if appropriate.
- Upon approval, a written response stating the outcome of the extension request will be sent to the Scout and their unit leader.
  - If approved, the notification must be attached to the youth’s Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster rank application.

**Specifics:**

- Extensions can be granted for up to three months beyond a Scout’s 18th birthday (or three months beyond their 21st birthday for Venture Scouts and Sea Scouts).
- Extension petitions will only be accepted until September 30, 2020
- Scouts BSA requesting an extension must already have achieved the rank of Life Scout.
- Upon turning 18, the Scout must submit a completed adult application and successfully complete YPT; their participant code will now be UP (Unit Participant) for Scouts BSA Troops or VP (Venturing Participant) for Venturing and Sea Scouting.
- Extension requests for more than 3 months beyond the youth’s 18th/21st birthday must be sent to the National Service Center following the process outlined in the (Guide To Advancement) GTA – these requests will go through a different process than what is outlined below.
• **Note**: A “month” in BSA advancement is defined as a day from one month to the next. For example, March 5 to April 5.

Below: guidelines from the National Council about advancement

*Rank Advancement and COVID-19 (Coronavirus)*