Advancement

Overview

Advancement is the method by which we promote and encourage the ongoing involvement and commitment that keeps members coming back for more. It works best when it is built into a unit’s program so that simply participating leads to meaningful achievement and recognition—and to a continually improving readiness for more complex experiences.

The Council Executive Board, through its Advancement Committee and District Advancement Chairs, is responsible for implementing and facilitating advancement and processing most special awards and recognition’s. To initiate the advancement or recognition process, a Scout or Venturer should contact his/her unit’s leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Team Coach, Venture Crew Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper).

Cathy Paolozzi
Council Advancement Chair

Common Questions

Where can I find the most recent merit badge counselor list?
The merit badge counselor list is now available in Scoutbook. Click here to find out more.

**How do I become a merit badge counselor or edit the badges I counsel?**
The Mayflower Council has revised the process to make it easier for those interested in becoming a counselor and those who are currently a counselor looking to change their badges. Click here to know more.

**Are there any supplementary documents needed to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout?**
Scouts in the process of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout by complete the Eagle Scout Application and Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook found on the National BSA website.

**What are the important emails and links for Eagle Scouts?**
There is a new process for submitting Eagle Scout project proposals. Please review this document for the most up to date info.

- To Request Joining Date
- To Submit Eagle Scout Application
- To Submit Project Data

**Is there an award used to recognize extraordinary bravery or meritorious action?**
Visitors interested in recognizing a registered youth or adult who has performed, or attempted to perform, a
life-saving act or has performed another notable act of service that put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals, please visit the Life Saving and Meritorious Action Awards page on the National BSA website.

**Helpful Links**

- 2019 Guide to Advancement
- Guide to Advancement & Awards
- Internet Advancement
- Merit Badge Process
- Guide for Merit Badge Counselors
- Finding A Merit Badge Counselor
- Info For New and Existing Merit Badge Counselors.
- Eagle Scout Project Workbook
- Eagle Scout Application
- How to Prepare Your Eagle Service Project Proposal and Report
- How to Complete Your Eagle Scout Application Form
- Eagle Scout Reference Letter Procedures
- Eagle Suggested News Release
- MA Society Sons of American Revolution Scholarship

**Advancement News**
Requesting Advancement Extensions Due To COVID-19

March 31st, 2020

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 [...]
Questions and Answers Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting Rank Advancement and COVID-19 The following questions regarding advancement have arisen as we deal with closures, cancellations, or other issues caused by the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Although [...] 

Virtual Board of Review Resources

March 18th, 2020

Scouting Magazine has recently posted an article regarding using video conferencing to conduct Board of Reviews. Board of Reviews are an
integral part of the Advancement program for Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Awards, and Sea [...] 

Eagle Service Project Fundraising Guidelines

March 18th, 2020

Mayflower Council Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Guidelines There are many worthy Eagle Scout Service Projects that can be carried out at minimal cost, if any. Fundraising is allowed to the extent required to cover the [...]
Finding A Merit Badge Counselor

October 11th, 2019

The Mayflower Council is utilizing the power of Scoutbook to enhance the functionality of our merit badge counselor list. HOW DO I ACCESS THE LIST Go to Scoutbook.com and login to your account. If you [...]

Merit Badge Counselors

October 10th, 2019

ABOUT BEING A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR Share your
knowledge with Scouts. Merit badge counselors teach Scouts a variety of skills. From American Business to Woodwork, there's a badge for everything. All merit badge counselors must [...]