

Working with Eagle Scout PDF Files

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Earning Eagle requires a Scout to work with PDF files from National Council and the Great Trail Council. Following the recommendations listed below will make working with these PDF files as easy as possible.

- 1) Install the **free** Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer.
 - a) You **MUST** use **Adobe Acrobat Reader** version 9 or later.
 - 1) Other PDF readers do not work with all current BSA PDF files.
 - 2) PDF readers built into web browsers **NEVER** work with the **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook**.
 - b) Download the latest version for your computer from <Get.Adobe.com/reader>.
 - 1) **NOTE:** Un-check the boxes under "Optional offers" to avoid installing extra software.
- 2) Download and save the current versions of five (5) Eagle-related PDF files.
 - a) You **MUST** use the most current versions.
 - b) Download **ONLY** from the following official BSA websites:
 - 1) <Scouting.org> - National Council.
 - 2) <GTCbsa.org> - Great Trail Council.
 - c) **DO NOT** use Web searches to find these PDF files.
 - d) The district website <SenecaDistrict.org> has links to all five Eagle-related PDF files.
 - 1) Open the "Scouts BSA" page and follow the "Eagle Scout" link.
- 3) Download and save the current versions of the following three (3) Eagle-specific PDF files:
 - a) **Eagle Scout Rank Application** [January 2019] (National Council)
 - 1) Link: <FileStore.Scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf>
 - b) **Eagle Reference Letter Form** (Great Trail Council)
 - 1) Link: <GTCbsa.org/resources/eagle-scout-info>
 - 2) Download "Eagle Reference Form - Fillable.pdf" [June 2015] or "Eagle Reference Letter Form.pdf" [January 2013].
 - c) **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook** [January 2019] (National Council)
 - 1) Link: <Scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>
 - 2) **IMPORTANT:** Follow the download instructions **exactly** and save the file "512-927_fillable.pdf" to your storage drive.
- 4) Download and save the current versions of the following two (2) Scouting PDF files:
 - a) **Guide to Advancement 2019** (National Council)
 - 1) Link: <FileStore.Scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>
 - b) **Guide to Safe Scouting** [January 2019] (National Council)
 - 1) Link: <FileStore.Scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>
- 5) Organize your files.
 - a) Create an "Eagle Scout" folder on your storage drive.
 - 1) Use this folder to save every Eagle-related file you download or create.
 - b) Create a "Backups" folder in the "Eagle Scout" folder.
 - 1) Use this folder to save a copy of every Eagle-related file you download -- **JUST IN CASE.**