

Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouting, has been earned by young men for 100 years. Requirements have changed over the years, yet the program elements have remained true to the original Eagle Scout requirements. A boy must demonstrate citizenship and caring for his community and others, leadership qualities, and outdoor skills that show self-sufficiency and ability to overcome obstacles. He must also have developed and carried out a service project to benefit his community.

The experiences Scouts have while on the trail to the Eagle Scout rank benefit them and their community now and also in the future. A recent study conducted by Baylor University, with funding from the John Templeton Foundation, proves a simple equation: Eagle Scout = Greater Success in Life.



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# Eagle Scout

## Investment in Success



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The Scouting program helps a young man build self-confidence and perseverance so that he learns he can take on challenges and succeed. Through the additional progression required to earn the Eagle Scout rank, these effects are amplified.





# Compared to men who were never in Scouting, Eagle Scouts:

## Establish greater lifelong connections to family, friends, and neighbors:

- 46 percent more likely to say they talk with their neighbors at least once a month
- 38 percent more likely to indicate they are close with their brothers and sisters
- 37 percent more likely to say they have extremely close friends

## Exhibit a higher sense of responsibility to give back through volunteering and donating:

- 73 percent more likely to have voted in the last election
- 66 percent more likely to volunteer their time to a religious organization
- 53 percent more likely to donate to a religious institution
- 34 percent more likely to donate money to nonreligious institutions or charities

## Gain a greater connection and concern for their community:

- 87 percent more likely to belong to four or more civic or social groups or clubs
- 76 percent more likely to have held a leadership position in their local community
- 56 percent more likely to indicate they have worked with neighbors to solve a community problem

## Exercise more self-discipline to plan ahead and set and achieve goals:

- 124 percent more likely to keep a disaster supply kit in their home
- 81 percent more likely to say they achieved a spiritual goal in the last year
- 64 percent more likely to say they achieved a personal goal in the last year
- 49 percent more likely to say they achieved a financial goal in the last year

## Hold higher self-expectations:

- 52 percent more likely to agree they always try to exceed people's expectations
- 47 percent more likely to agree they always try to do what is right
- 40 percent more likely to agree they work hard to get ahead

## Demonstrate greater appreciation and concern for the environment:

- 92 percent more likely to be active in a group that works to protect the environment
- 50 percent more likely to agree they find a spiritual presence in nature
- 42 percent more likely to visit a local, state, or national park
- 31 percent more likely to avoid using products that harm the environment



## Display increased respect for religion and religious diversity:

- 45 percent more likely to say they always treat people of other religions with respect
- 29 percent more likely to agree that most religions make a positive contribution to society

## Enjoy an increased variety of hobbies and interests:

- 95 percent more likely to go camping
- 72 percent more likely to attend plays, concerts, or live theater
- 59 percent more likely to participate in boating activities
- 39 percent more likely to read books
- 38 percent more likely to play a musical instrument

## Develop greater commitment to lifelong learning:

- 80 percent more likely to have taken a course or class in the past year
- 40 percent more likely to say it is extremely important to learn something new every day

*Invest in the future of boys by volunteering for, giving to, or sponsoring Scouting in our community. Your support of Scouting will make a positive difference in a boy's life now and also in his future. Help him grow into a man who respects his family, community, religion, country, and self—give him the opportunity to become an Eagle Scout.*

