



May 1, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

The young person presenting this to you is a Life Scout in Scouts BSA and is a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout. This scout has requested that you provide a reference that particularly describes their **RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES**, to the to the Eagle Board of Review.

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. In the first part of the Scout Oath or Promise, the member declares, "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duties to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law." The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgment of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing members. No matter what the religious faith of the members, this fundamental need of good citizenship should be kept before them. The Boy Scouts of America, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

If you are willing to provide a letter of recommendation, please place your letter in a sealed envelope and return it to the Eagle Board of Review, in care of the Scoutmaster. The Scout should furnish you the name and complete address. The contents of your letter will NOT be shared with the candidate unless you specify otherwise. Of course, you are free to discuss the information with the candidate, if you so desire, but you are under no obligation to do so.

Your letter of reference will remain secured by the Eagle Board of Review until the candidate has received their award, at such time your letter will be destroyed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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The Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

