



Dear Sir or Madam:

The young man presenting this to you is a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and is a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout. He has requested that you provide to the Eagle Board of Review a reference that particularly describes his **RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES**.

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 acknowledgement 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 may be, 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 absolutely 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 Scout candidate. He will submit this letter with his application packet. The letter will be reviewed by the Eagle Scout Board of Review Committee prior to the board of review. Letters are typically given to the Scout after the board of review.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Pat Leatherwood
Chairman
Texas Trails Scouting Alumni Association

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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.

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