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Dear Sir or Madam:

You are receiving this letter because a young man that is a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout has indicated that you know him personally, and that you are willing to serve as a reference on his behalf. In an effort to verify his references I would like to obtain more information on your relationship. The information obtained will be strictly confidential and will not be shared with the candidate. Only members of the Eagle Scout review board will see the information and immediately following the board all correspondence is destroyed.

The Eagle Board of review is the final step in the process of determining the qualifications for the rank of Eagle Scout. At that time, members of the Board of Review will discuss, with the Scout, his achievements as a Boy Scout, and his relationships with family and friends in his daily life to determine if he meets the requirements for the high rank of Eagle Scout. Those requirements include a series of advancements, the earning of at least 21 Merit Badges, and evidence of leadership skills. A candidate for Eagle Scout must serve in one or more leadership positions in the Troop, and must plan, develop, and lead others in a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, camp, or other community organization not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America.

An Eagle Scout candidate must also demonstrate that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath, and Law in his daily life. In this regard, if you are willing to write a letter of recommendation on his behalf. I have enclosed, on the reverse side of this letter, a copy of the Scout Oath and Law for your reference in preparing your letter. Of course, you are free to discuss the information with him, if you so desire, but you are under no obligation to do so.

If you are willing to do so, please send a letter, addressed to me in the enclosed envelope, as soon as possible. If you are unwilling to recommend this young man please reply as that will be considered during the review of the candidate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in Scouting,


William E. Winfield
Council Advancement Chairman

enclosure

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. A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a Part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

A Scout is LOYAL. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.

A Scout is HELPFUL. A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is FRIENDLY. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

A Scout is COURTEOUS. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together

A Scout is KIND. A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.

A Scout is OBEDIENT. A Scout follows the rules of his family school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

A Scout is CHEERFUL. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is THRIFTY. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is BRAVE. A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

A Scout is CLEAN. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is REVERENT. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.