

Great Lakes Field Service Council – Eagle Projects

Limitations on Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

The Project Workbook (pgs 4-5) has valuable information on Choosing a Project and the Restrictions that apply. The following is additional clarification that Great Lakes Council has found valuable in helping you choose the project and developing the proposal.

1. Projects may not be performed for businesses or an individual. There are exceptions to this, in that many nursing homes are businesses, and if the project is not something the business is obligated to provide, it MIGHT be considered. Likewise, projects at senior or disabled citizen's residences, MIGHT be considered, if done under the auspices of a charitable organization. Contact your district advancement representative prior to considering this type of project.
2. Projects must not be a "One man show". Projects must meet the criteria of "providing leadership to others". Projects that just involve the scout and a few members of his family or friends will be questioned. Website development is an example of a project that usually involve only one or a limited number of people. Contact your district advancement representative prior to considering this type of project.
3. Projects must not be a "cookie cutter" project. Projects must meet the criteria of "develop and plan". Projects like blood drives and flag retirements will be questioned, as they are usually following standard scripts, often dictated by the benefiting organization, and thus do not meet the "develop and plan" criteria.
4. An Eagle project is an individual matter; therefore, two Eagle Scout candidates may not receive credit for working on the same project. Projects at the same location that are interlinked, but distinctly separate MIGHT be approved.

In all cases, your District Advancement representative is your first and best source of answers if you are thinking of an unusual project, or one that might be questioned.