



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HALL/McELWAIN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Please be sure to use only this form or the downloadable form from the NESAs Web site (www.NESA.org) when applying. Do not call to verify receipt of your application.

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To ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible, please read and follow these procedures and requirements as written.

Procedures

The Eagle Scout applying for a scholarship must complete the application personally.

- Enclose only the items requested in the requirements (no biographies, résumés, or supplemental lists of activities).
- Answer all questions on the application. (Use only the space provided.)
- Address completed applications to: **Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarships, Alumni Relationships, S222; Boy Scouts of America; 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane; P.O. Box 152079; Irving, TX 75015-2079.** Alumni Relationships is not responsible for lost or misdirected applications. **FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.**

- Be advised that only those applications postmarked after October 1, 2008, but *no later than* midnight on January 31, 2009, will be considered.
- Be advised that applications become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant. The selection committee will, in writing, notify those selected of its decision. The list of those selected will be posted on the NESAs Web site (<http://www.NESA.org>), but no written notification will be sent to applicants except those selected.
- **Submitting an application is in no way a guarantee that a scholarship will be granted. There is no appeal, and the decision of the selection committee is final.**
- All applications must be printed or typed.

Requirements

All applicants must

1. Be an Eagle Scout and have received credentials from the national office.
2. Submit applications that are postmarked after October 1, 2008, but *no later than* midnight on January 31, 2009. Use sufficient postage.
3. Be a graduating high school senior or an undergraduate college student no later than completion of the junior year. You may receive the scholarship one time only.

4. Have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting.
5. Provide **one** signed recommendation letter from a volunteer or professional Scout leader (please list Scouting title on the letter) who knows the applicant personally. This letter should attest to the general character of the applicant. **This is the only endorsement required. Endorsements from teachers, counselors, etc., will not be accepted.**

Note: Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard that will be initialed, dated, and returned to let you know your application has been received. We will not search to ensure your application has been received.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ATTENDING ANY OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMIES.

Applicant's Information

Name _____
First Middle Last

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home telephone number (_____) _____ High school graduation date _____
Area code

Birth date _____ Eagle Scout board of review date _____

Council headquarters city _____ State _____ Scout region: **C N S W**
(Council where Eagle rank was earned) (Circle the appropriate abbreviation.)

Name of parent or guardian _____

Second parent or guardian _____

Do not enclose NESAs membership applications with this form.

Scouting Record

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(Check all that apply.)

- Patrol leader
- Assistant senior patrol leader
- Senior patrol leader
- Junior assistant Scoutmaster
- Varsity team captain
- Varsity squad leader
- Varsity cocaptain
- Local camp staff
- National camp staff
- OA lodge chief
- OA section chief
- OA national officer
- OA chapter chief
- Venturing crew/ship officer
- Other _____

NATIONAL AWARDS EARNED

(Check all that apply.)

- BSA Lifeguard
- 50-Miler Award
- Heroism Award
- Historic Trails Award
- Honor Medal
- Honor Medal with Crossed Palms
- Hornaday Award
- Medal of Merit
- OA Vigil Honor
- OA Founder's Award
- OA Distinguished Service Award
- Religious emblem
- Merit badges (Please give total number earned.) _____
- Bronze Palm
- Gold Palm
- Silver Palm

PARTICIPATION

- Other Scouting positions/awards
(Please specify.) _____

Have you served in a staff position for any of the following?

(Check all that apply.)

- Council camp
- Order of the Arrow
- Philmont
- High-adventure base
- National Scout jamboree
- World Scout jamboree
- National camp staff
- OA member (Ordeal or Brotherhood)

Troop No. _____ Size _____
 Scoutmaster's name _____
 Scoutmaster's telephone (____) _____ - _____

School Activities

Name of high school/preparatory school _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Principal's name _____ Telephone (____) _____
Area code

OTHER ACTIVITIES (Check all activities you have been involved in for at least one full school year during high school.)

Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-country
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Swimming/diving
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Other (Please specify.) _____

- Math
- Science
- Model UN
- National Honor Society
- Student council/government (except class president)
- Class president
- Tutoring/peer counseling
- Yearbook/magazine/newspaper (except editor)
- Editor (yearbook, etc.)
- Boys State
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Key Club
- National Beta Club
- National FFA Organization
- Students Against Destructive Decisions
- Other (Please specify.) _____

Clubs and Other Activities

- Blood drives
- Civic (library, park, government officials, etc.)
- Community theater
- Exchange student program
- Food drives
- 4-H
- Hospital
- Junior Achievement
- Kiwanis
- Music
- Red Cross
- Rotary
- The Salvation Army
- Tutoring
- Other (Please specify.) _____

Clubs and Other Activities

- Band/orchestra
- Choir
- Chess
- Computer
- Debating
- Drama/theater
- Foreign language
- Club officer
- History
- International

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL AND SCOUTING (Check all activities you have been involved in for at least two years outside of school and Scouting.)

Religious Involvement

- Youth group
- Other (Please specify.) _____

SPORTS (select or club teams or equivalent for at least two years.)

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Football
- Martial arts
- Soccer
- Other (Please specify.) _____

Service to Community

Other than your Eagle Scout service project, what service have you provided your community? Use only the space provided.

Service to Scouting

Other than your Eagle Scout service project, what service have you provided to Scouting? Use only the space provided.

General Character

State and show examples of your general character. Use only the space provided.

BSA Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarship

This application is only for the Hall/McElwain merit scholarships for Eagle Scouts. The number of scholarships awarded varies annually depending on the funds available. You must apply through the region in which you earned your Eagle rank. This scholarship is for tuition, room, board, and books only.

This scholarship is not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies, because at these academies expenses covered by NESA scholarships are already paid by the United States government. The scholarship is limited to use at a four-year college/university that is accredited by recognized accreditation agencies and offers at least a bachelor's degree upon completion of the course of study offered.

Authorization

I hereby authorize the national Eagle Scout scholarship selection committee to request and obtain any further information it deems necessary.

Failure to disclose all relevant information or the use of false information will result in termination of the scholarship and could expose you to civil or criminal charges.

_____ Signature of applicant	_____ Date
I have read this application and it has my approval.	
_____ Signature of father/guardian	_____ Date
_____ Signature of mother/guardian	_____ Date

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