

Timelines: First Class-to-Eagle

The Council Advancement Committee (CAC) wishes to call attention to certain advancement timeline requirements for all Troop unit leadership.

Although it is fairly obvious when considered, the age requirement for a scout to advance to Eagle can be overlooked, especially as the scout advances in age.

The following summarizes the required time for each rank together with the scout’s maximum age to reach the rank if he/she plans to proceed to Eagle. It is suggested these age-milestones be shared with your scouts:

<u>To achieve rank</u>	<u>Required active time in previous rank</u>	<u>Scout’s maximum age *</u>
First Class	--	Until he/she is 16 years -- 8 months old
Star	4 months	Until his/her 17 th birthday
Life	6 months	Until he/she is 17 years – 6 months old
Eagle	6 months	Until his/her 18 th birthday **

Notes: * the maximum age shown applies only if a scout plans to earn the Eagle rank.

** a time extension is possible for new scouts joining after 2/1/2019 (see scouting.org for further info.)

The previous table shows that a scout must become a First Class Scout by the time he/she turns 16 years and 8 months of age. Of course, this may not apply in cases where a scout qualifies for either “Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility” (RBAE) or an Eagle “Time Extension” (TE).

In addition, and as you are likely aware, the earning of three Eagle-required MB’s that have long-term requirements of about 3 months (*i.e.* varies from 84 – 91 days) may also be crucial as a scout approaches his 18th birthday. This applies to Personal Fitness MB, Family Life MB, and Personal Management MB.

For further information on RBAE’s and TE’s, refer to the BSA “Guide to Advancement” (current edition).

If you have any question, please contact either the Committee Staff Advisor at the Council offices, or me.

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