

Time Extensions & Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility

As a Scoutmaster in Longhouse Council, the Council Advancement Committee (Committee) would like you to be aware of two types of situations that may arise.

The first type of situation involves a “Time Extension” for a Scout to be approved for some limited amount of time to complete his Eagle requirements beyond his 18th birthday. This extension involves circumstances that are beyond the Scout’s control, such as an injury, family incident or misguided advice. It does not include minor learning disabilities that have persisted for a period of time, such ADD/ADHD. Because of the time required to prepare and document the request to National, it should be initiated well prior to the 18th birthday.

These extension requests are reviewed by the Committee and the Longhouse Council Scout Executive, then either approved or denied by the National Advancement Team ONLY. Note these extension requests are reportedly rarely approved. For more information on Time Extensions, refer to the latest edition of the BSA “Guide to Advancement” (Guide), Article 9.0.4.0.

The other type of situation is known as “Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility” (“RBAE”). This is for a youth (or adult) who has developmental disabilities or physical challenges and wishes to join or remain in the program beyond their normal “age-out” date (18 for Boy Scouts). An approval for RBAE is normally a permanent arrangement and does not expire (for exceptions, see the last paragraph in the Guide under Article 10.1.0.2). Possible criteria for an RBAE approval are listed in the Guide under Article 10.1.0.1.

Article 10.1.0.0 in the Guide provides an overview of the requirements, potential conditions and the application process for RBAE.

In summary, it is hoped that this information will guide you when you have need to consider either of the situations.

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

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P.S. Here’s a link to the “Guide to Advancement”, FYI:
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>