



## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA COUNCIL, No. 28 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*Preparing young hands to reach higher*

### COVER LETTER FOR PROVIDERS OF REFERENCES (Eagle Scout version)

You are being asked by a Boy Scout who is applying for the rank of Eagle Scout to submit a character reference to a review board that will be evaluating his qualifications. In this regard the applicant has indicated that you know him personally, and that you are willing to provide a character reference on his behalf. The contents of this reference will NOT be shown to or discussed with him. You, of course, are free to share the information if you so desire, but are under no obligation to do so.

To become an Eagle Scout, more is expected than proficiency in outdoorsman-ship and rank requirements. Outside of his Scout activities, daily effort to live by the principles and values of the Scout Oath and Law as a citizen in his home, place of worship, school, work environment, and community is a foremost requirement.

Thank you for assisting the Eagle Scout review board. We cannot make a decision without your evaluation. Please make your observation of the Scout in his daily life the basis of your letter. It is helpful if you indicate the capacity in which you know him. The Scout Oath and Law along with an explanation of the Scout Law taken from Boy Scouts of America documents are provided below for your assistance in preparing this character reference. Suggested but not inclusive areas from which to make your evaluation are:

- Does he adhere to the values set forth in the Scout Law? - Does he do his best to cheerfully help at home, school, place of worship, work, and community? - Does he take care of his personal belongings and respect the property of others? - Does he take his responsibilities at school seriously? - Does he demonstrate leadership amongst his peers? - Does he have any special characteristics or personality traits?

#### ***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; and 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

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

**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

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**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.

**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

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

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

**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

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