

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
October 14-15, 2020  
Virtual**

**Resolution No. 31: American Legion Eagle Scout Of The Year Eligibility  
Origin: Americanism Commission  
Submitted by: Americanism Commission  
(As amended)**

WHEREAS, The American Legion voiced its support of the Boy Scouts of America at its first national convention in 1919, making it the first recognized national youth activity of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion encourages its members to support and become involved in Scouting as a primary part of their service to God and country, their community, their state and their nation; and

WHEREAS, 1994 National Convention Resolution No. 165, September 6-8, 1994, established the name of the “Eagle Scout of the Year Award”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 30 of the National Executive Committee, October 13-14, 2004, established eligibility requirements for the Eagle Scout of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion annually selects an Eagle Scout of the Year and three runners-up; and

WHEREAS, The winner of the competition receives a \$10,000 scholarship and the three runners-up each are awarded \$2,500 scholarships; and

WHEREAS, The Varsity Scout program was discontinued by Boy Scouts of America effective on January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts program changed their name to Scouts BSA by the Boy Scouts of America effective on February 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Effective on February 1, 2019, the Boy Scouts of America expanded its membership to include young ladies, thereby making them eligible to earn the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Current eligibility requirements state that “the nominee must be a registered active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron OR be a registered active member of a duly chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or American Legion Auxiliary member AND (1) Received the Eagle Scout award; (2) Be an active member of his religious institution and have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem; (3) Demonstrate practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community; and (4) Reached his fifteenth birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection”; and

WHEREAS, During its 2019 fall meeting the Americanism Commission approved the revisions that were developed and recommended by department Scouting chairmen for the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year application in order to keep it relevant to both The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That effective immediately eligibility requirements for the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year be amended to read:**

**“Must be either a registered active member of a Boy Scouts of America unit that is chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of the American Legion squadron OR be a registered active member of any chartered Boy Scouts of America unit and have a parent or grandparent possessing up-to-date membership in The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary, and in the case of a recently deceased member, their membership for the year immediately prior to the current year may be used; AND each of the following: (1) Received the Eagle Scout award; (2) Received a Scouts BSA or Venturer Religious Emblem; (3) Demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community; (4) Reached their 15th birthday and enrolled in high school at the time of selection; (5) Applied through The American Legion department of the state in which their Scout unit is chartered.”; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 30 of the National Executive Committee, October 2004, titled “American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year” is hereby superseded and rescinded.**