



Boy Scout Troop 806

Brotherhood of Congregation Beth Israel
Houston, Texas 77096

To: _____

From: _____

You have agreed to be one of my references for the highest honor in Boy Scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout.

To attain the rank of Eagle will be a significant achievement in my life. Therefore, before making such an award, the Boy Scouts of America makes every effort to determine I meet the requirements of skills, leadership and character.

On behalf of Troop 806's Advancement Committee, I have been asked to send you this letter as a guide to aid you in writing my reference letter.

"The challenge of developing in our youth the finest type of character and citizenship is very much a part of the Scout movement. The Boy Scout Oath and Law (see attached) set a high standard for our membership. Duty to one's self, duty to fellow man and duty to God and Country...these are the basis for the Scout Oath and Law.

The Scout named in this letter is a candidate for Eagle Scout, the highest award in Scouting. Before the Board of Review can make a recommendation, we need your comments relating to this Scout's practice of the tenets expressed in the Scout Oath and Law. (See attached) Feel free to make comments as you see fit, but be sure to include information relevant to your relationship with this Scout (e.g. teacher, clergy, etc.).

Your immediate attention to this confidential inquiry will be greatly appreciated, and your report will be held in the strictest confidence. Please do not hesitate to rate this Scout exactly as you know him to be. You may make your remarks on the reverse side of this letter, or submit your own letterhead."

For your convenience I have enclosed a return envelope preaddressed to my Scoutmaster, Steven Shapiro, 6619 Wanda Lane, Houston, Texas 77074. I would appreciate your returning your letter within 2 weeks as no action can be taken on my application by the Progress Review Board until your letter of reference has been returned.

Thank you very much.

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;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law

TRUSTWORTHY - A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

LOYAL - A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

HELPFUL - A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

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 other than his own.

COURTEOUS - A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

KIND - A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

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.

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

THRIFTY - A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

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 or threaten him.

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.

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