



THE AMERICAN LEGION
EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR
 NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS



The Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the nomination application will be selected as the annual American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year by the National Americanism Commission.

Each year the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will travel to join the youth champion delegation of The American Legion for participation in the annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Scholarships

The American Legion provides for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each.

The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon graduation from high school (public, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student provided it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case the student can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made jointly to the student and the school at the beginning of each semester or quarter. Only one request will be honored per semester or quarter.

DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Applicant should type or print all information.

Section A – High School Record

Note: Please attach a copy of your official high school transcript.

Grade: 12th Name of high school: Greenbaum Classical Academy (Homeschooled)

Grade point average: 3.85 In upper N/A % of class. Number in class: 2

On one additional page (500 words) list activities participated in during high school and also list awards, honors and recognition received. And include a copy of school transcripts.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment A if more than one page is submitted.

Section B – Scouting Record

Note: This section will be reviewed closely by the selection committee

	Years	Unit No.	Sponsor
Cub Scout	<u>N/A</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Scouts BSA	<u>4</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>Cornerstone Global Methodist Church</u>
Venturing Crew	<u>N/A</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Eagle Award Received:	<u>01/31/22</u>	Palms: <u>9</u>	<u> </u>

Section B – Scouting Record (continued)

On two additional pages (1,000 words total) (1) List leadership positions held in your Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, and/or Venturing Crew; (2) List other Scouting activities you may have participated in (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc.).

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B if more than two pages are submitted.

Section B1 – Eagle Scout Project

On two additional pages (1,000 words total) succinctly describe your Eagle Scout Project.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B1 if more than two pages are submitted.

Section C – Community Participation Record

On one additional page (500 words) list community organizations in which you have held membership excluding high school and Scouting. Additionally list other activities that you were involved with that directly or indirectly improved life in your community.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment C if more than one page is submitted.

Section D – Religious Award

Denomination: Southern Baptist Name of Religious Institution: Currently attending Living Hope

Name of BSA Religious Emblem (Award) Received: God and Life, God and Church, God and Family

Month and Year Received: 02/20, 08/19, 06/17

On one additional page (500 words) list religious youth organizations, clubs, groups that you have been involved in, to include honors awarded and offices held.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment D if more than one page is submitted.

Section E – Career Interests

On one additional page (500 words) describe your career interests and/or goals. The selection committee realizes that in many cases, applicants will not have decided on career goals; however, complete this section to the best of your ability.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment E if more than one page is submitted.

Section F – Letters of Recommendation and Testimony

One letter each from your religious institution, school, your community and Scouting must be included. Two additional letters of recommendation and testimony may also be included. Please keep in mind that the letters of recommendation are an important part of this application and will be carefully reviewed by the screening committee.

Note: The screening committee will only consider the four required letters and the two additional letters of recommendation of Attachment F if more than the six required letters of recommendation are submitted. Letters of recommendation will be limited to one page.

Authorization

CERTIFICATION BY EAGLE SCOUT

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected, I will be free to travel to The American Legion National Convention and participate as a member of the youth champion delegation, representing The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America.

SIGNATURE OF EAGLE SCOUT: [Signature]

DATE: 15 Feb 2023

PARENTAL CONSENT

I hereby certify that the information on this application pertaining to my Scout's age and grade in school is correct. I am willing and desirous that my Scout become The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, I hereby voluntarily waive any, and all, claims against The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America totally and all representatives thereof.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: [Signature]

DATE: 27 Feb 2023

Authorization (continued)

SCOUT UNIT LEADER

The above named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America, and has our recommendation.

SIGNATURE OF SCOUT UNIT LEADER: _____



DATE: February 16, 2023

AMERICAN LEGION SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT/SCOUT CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE: _____

Selection Process

DEPARTMENT

- Nominations must be received by department headquarters no later than March 1.
- The application judged best in the department and a list of the members of the Department Selection Committee should be emailed to: americanism@legion.org. Subject: Eagle Scout of the Year Nomination.
- For additional information, applicants should contact their department headquarters.
- Please be sure that the application packet is complete upon receipt. Missing documentation will not be requested.

NATIONAL

- Nominations must be received by national headquarters no later than April 1.
- The National Americanism Commission's Youth Activities Subcommittee will review all department nominations, and, in their judgment, select The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALIST

The selection will be announced in the Americanism Commission report to the National Executive Committee during The American Legion's annual Spring Meetings in Indianapolis, each May.

American Legion department (state) contact information is online:
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This certifies that
Libby Greenbaum
Youth Member
is a registered member in the
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Simon Kenton Council 441
and is entitled to all the rights and privileges
thereof to the last day of 12/31/2023
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Robert C. Mink
Chief Scout Executive / President & CEO

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Attachment A
Section A – High School Record

My parents chose to homeschool me so that I could have a consistent education through my Dad's Air Force career. Many school districts including the one I live in do not currently allow homeschooled students to participate in classes or after-school activities. The curriculum my family uses is called Classical Conversations where I attend a community day once a week. The curriculum includes six strands: Debate, Logic, Reasoning, Exposition, Grammar, and Research, and encompasses Latin, math, science, literature and writing, speech and debate, music, and art. Although I do not have any activities, honors, or awards to list, my homeschool curriculum has been rigorous, and a well-rounded education. We enhanced our homeschooling program by taking advantage of the many rich opportunities around each duty station like studying American History in DC. For the school letter of recommendation, I asked my Bible study leader since my parents are my teachers. If you would like a course description, please feel free to reach out to my Mom: HeatherGreenbaum@hotmail.com

Below is my work experience:

8/8/2022 - 11/5/2022 Babysitting

Libby had the joy of watching an adorable 16-month-old girl while her parents coached local high school athletic teams for 3-5 evenings a week during the fall sports season. Libby has enjoyed babysitting for neighbors since she was twelve.

7/1/2022 - 7/31/2023 Giovanni's Pizza

Libby serves as cashier, server, pizza maker, or wherever she is needed most. She takes orders, handles money, serves food, interfaces with customers, and keeps the restaurant tidy.

6/6/2021 - 9/5/2022 Columbus Pool Management, Mill Valley Pool

Libby has served as a Red Cross-trained and certified lifeguard for the past two summers at our neighborhood pool which is a medium-sized pool with an average of 50 patrons in the pool most evenings. She stood to watch ensuring patron safety and performed chemical testing as well as opening and closing duties.

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 Marysville, OH 43040
 Date of Birth: 2/26/2005
 Email: lhb@greenham.org

Greenham Classical Academy - Classical Conversations
 Chief Academic Officer: Heather H. Greenham
 921 Kentucky Circle
 Marysville, OH 43040

High School Student Data: 8/14/2015
 Distribution Date: 8/17/2015

Period	Course	Grade	Score	Letter Grade	Weight	Grade Points
Fall Year	American Literature and Composition	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Latin I	1.0	A+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Applied Geometry	1.5	B+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Physical Science and Lab	1.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	American Government 1	0.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Traditional Logic 1	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Debate	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Spelling	0.5	A+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Chemistry	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Economics	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Primer	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Personal Finance	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Doctor, Term Poetry and Lincoln Douglas	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	British Literature and Composition	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Latin II	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Algebra II and Geometry	1.5	B+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Biology & Lab	1.5	B+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Western Colonial History	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Traditional Logic 2	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Science Debates I	0.5	A+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Math: Theory	0.5	A+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Philosophy	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Spelling	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Spring Year	Personal Stewardship	0.5	A+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Health	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Theology	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Debate, Forensic and Oral Presentation	1.0	A+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Ancient Literature	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Latin IV: Latin Language and Literature	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	College Algebra	1.5	B+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Physics	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	World History	1.0	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Spelling	0.5	A+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Debate, Forensic and Oral Presentation	0.5	A+	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Health	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Theology	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Senior Thesis	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Ancient Literature	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Latin IV: Latin Language and Literature	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	College Algebra	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	Physics	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5
Fall Year	World History	0.5	A	1.0	0.5	0.5

GPA: 3.88 "UNWEIGHTED"
 Cumulative GPA: 3.88
 Credits: 9
 Cumulative Credits: 9

GPA: 3.74 "UNWEIGHTED"
 Cumulative GPA: 3.81
 Credits: 8
 Cumulative Credits: 17

GPA: 3.86 "UNWEIGHTED"
 Cumulative GPA: 3.88
 Credits: 9.5
 Cumulative Credits: 26.5

GPA: 3.87 "UNWEIGHTED"
 Cumulative GPA: 3.88
 Credits: 4.5
 Cumulative Credits: 31

Grade Point Equivalency

Grade	Grade Point	Weight	Grade Points
A+	4.00	0.5	2.00
A	4.00	0.5	2.00
B+	3.75	0.5	1.88
B	3.50	0.5	1.75
C+	3.25	0.5	1.63
C	3.00	0.5	1.50
D+	2.75	0.5	1.38
D	2.50	0.5	1.25
F	2.00	0.5	1.00

H - Honor Credit, AP - Advanced Placement Credit, DE - Dual Enrollment Credit

Received a score of 8 on the AP American Government Test during Covid lockdown

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Attachment B
Section B – Scouting Record (continued)

1/31/2022 - 2/26/2023 Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM)	Troop 777 (Ohio)
7/13/2021 - 1/18/2022 Senior Patrol Leader	Troop 777
7/17/2020 - 7/13/2021 Troop Guide	Troop 777
10/8/2019 - 7/16/2020 Senior Patrol Leader	Troop 777
8/27/2019 - 1/13/2021 Den Chief	Troop 777 for Pack 101
2/11/2019 - 8/11/2019 Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	Troop 214 (Maryland)

11/1/2022 - 11/1/2023 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Staff-Key 5

Course Director: Samantha Wayne Location: Camp Lazarus

Due to her enthusiasm and expertise, Libby was asked to staff NYLT again this year. Her role is to be the trainer over all of the troop guides who are entrusted to train scout leadership skills. There are three Friday to Sunday training weekends leading up to the two-weekend course, and five additional three-hour meetings for the key 5 youth trainers making her part of the key leadership team.

8/12/2022 - 8/14/2022 Wood Badge Youth Staff

Course Director: Josh Wayne Location: Camp Falling Rock

Libby served on the youth "Penguin" patrol for BSA's premier adult Scouts training: Wood Badge. This course focuses on leadership. Libby served moving equipment, assisting adults by demonstrating skills and principles they were learning, cleaning the camp, and providing a daily weather report from the "weather rock." One of the adults who took the class reported learning a great deal from Libby's clear and concise manner. Staffing events proved to be Libby's favorite scouting activity where her knowledge and positive attitude shine.

11/1/2021 - 11/1/2022 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Staff

Course Director: Frank Hamilton Location: Camp Lazarus

After successfully completing NYLT the previous year, Libby was asked to serve on the NYLT staff. She served as a troop guide for the Purple Panther patrol. Other troop guides often asked Libby for help with their patrols and asked for Libby's advice. There were five-weekend staff meetings to train and prepare the staff to run the two-weekend course. Libby was enthusiastic, squared away with her training materials, able to complete her schoolwork, and on point with her camping and organizational skills.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Attachment B
Section B – Scouting Record (continued)

11/1/2021 - 11/1/2022 Green Bar Youth Staff

Course Director: Lisa Murray **Location:** Camp Falling Rock

Libby volunteered to serve as part of the youth staff for Green Bar. This BSA training focuses on outdoor skills adults need to work with youth and help them earn requirements up through the First Class rank. Skills taught include fire building, knots, disability awareness, Leave No Trace principles, wood tools, orienteering, and first aid. The youth staff assists the camp master and other adults on staff. Libby enjoyed leading the Leave No Trace station her first year and the knots and lashings station her second year. She was dependable, personable, and knowledgeable. Many of the adults commented on how clearly she explained things and how much they enjoyed working with her.

1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022 Order of the Arrow Lodge Treasurer

Advisor: Jon Santini II **Council:** Simmon Kenton

Libby was elected as one of the six youth lodge leaders. As treasurer she was responsible for the budget as well as the stocking, operating, and running of the trading post during lodge events. They sold patches, apparel, snacks, and beverages including the crowd favorite: Ski soda.

3/25/2022 - 3/27/2022 National Leadership Seminar (NLS)

Location: London, OH

Scouts BSA and Order of the Arrow (OA) Training for scouts in OA Lodge, Section, or National Leadership. The training taught problem-solving skills, leadership styles, and lodge matrix.

4/16/2021 - 4/20/2021 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Course Director: Peter Carmona **Location:** Camp Lazarus

Libby attended this two-week course as a scout participant, completed her homework/ticket, and earned her BOLO award. The course concentrates on what a scout must be, what a scout must know, and what a scout must do. It is designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Attachment B1
Section B1 – Eagle Scout Project

Excerpts from Eagle Scout Service Project Report:

Project Description

The west side entrance of the Marysville, Ohio American Legion Post 79 was walled-in with a mixture of canvas awning and thin plexiglass with a wooden frame that was badly damaged, aged, and fading. My goal was to remove the worn and faded siding and replace it with a sturdy long-lasting solution. I chose to build walls that attach to the existing structure with pressure-treated wood and added thicker plexiglass windows. These new walls will act as a wind block to members and visitors entering the Post and give the entrance an overall refresh.

In addition to the walls, the rose garden was cut back and will be easier to maintain. The Post building was deep cleaned from top to bottom and the lattice and rocks under the entrance area were replaced to give the entrance a new refreshed look.

Observations

What went well?

All of the extra jobs (grounds work and a complete deep clean of the Post) were completed quickly and efficiently. Everyone seemed happy and enjoyed working. The members of the Post really liked the look of the walls. Many of my friends and family came to support me. The Post 79 photographer was able to take a few pictures for their newsletter.

What was challenging?

More people than I expected came to help with my project (42 total, 32 at once) which became difficult at times, especially when tasks wrapped up quicker than I expected. The frame for my project took longer than expected due to architectural defects which set the timeline back. It was difficult to make sure scouts had other jobs to do while the framing was being cut because scouts can't use power saws in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Changes

The few major changes were as follows: Two 2x8s were added to the frame to make the frame square and strong. After people began signing up to help, I realized there needed to be age-appropriate tasks for younger scouts (ages 11-13) since they were too young to handle drills. Grounds work and deep cleaning jobs were added which benefited the Post outside of the original plan.



The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Attachment B1
Section B1 – Eagle Scout Project

Leadership

In what ways did you demonstrate leadership?

The ways I demonstrated leadership include:

- Finding a project that benefits a need in my community
- Learning to use CAD software and creating the project blueprints then working with the county and city and gaining approval from the beneficiary, troop, and district members
- During the planning months, I kept a solid line of communication open and updated the beneficiary when details changed
- Gathering volunteers to help with the walls, yard work, and cleaning
- I checked in with the work crews throughout the day
- Assigning new people to a crew and introducing them to the crew leader

What was most difficult about being the leader?

The most difficult part of my project was when the tasks were completed faster than expected and I ran out of things for people to do. It became stressful when multiple people had questions and they had all been sent to me. I learned to think quickly on my feet and trust the advice given by the work crew leaders.

What was most rewarding about being the leader?

The most rewarding part was seeing that all the groundwork and cleaning had been accomplished. Looking at the completed entrance structure after working diligently for four days and felt a sense of accomplishment. Knowing all the time and energy that had been poured into the project and the resulting finished product will remain far into the future.

What did you learn about leadership, or how were your leadership skills further developed?

I learned that I can't do everything by myself and I don't need to be the one to solve all of the problems. I just need to make sure the work gets done and that I'm making sure everything is running as smoothly as it can. Also, it's hard leading too many people and it's important to rely on the leaders that I trust and put them in charge of the work crews to solve the small problems. Afterward, ask the questions of what changed and what could have been better.

Project details

Initial planning started on April 30, 2021
Finish date November 24, 2021
48 volunteers contributed to the project
Total of 479 service hours over 4 days of building

Service hour breakdown

Libby: 136 hours (100 hours planning, 36 on-site)
21 Adults: 218 hours
27 Youth: 125 hours
Total: 479 hours

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Attachment C
Section C – Community Participation Record

9/1/2019 - 5/5/2023 Local Ministries

Both Scouts BSA and American Heritage Girls (AHG) require service hours. Libby made sure each service activity was only counted for one organization. Libby has discovered a love of serving her community through the two organizations and the different communities we have lived in due to our frequent moves with the Air Force. She has logged many hours and served even more. Approximate career service hours for American Heritage Girls: 215 Approximate career service hours for Scouts BSA: 124.75. These numbers do not include the volunteer hours for her Eagle Scout and Stars and Stripes projects.

Below are a few examples of BSA and AHG service projects

- Camp Lazarus Kitchen crew for Monster Mash
- Trail Maintenance and Sign Hanging Otter Run
- Manning the Scouting booth at the Union County Fair
- County Bridge restoration project to remove graffiti. Painted concrete bridge supports ahead of anti-graffiti top coat.
- Building bat boxes to benefit the local community
- Helped at the Vacation Bible Schools (AHG)
- Hope Center: Prepared and distributed hot dinners and small food bags (AHG)
- Making masks for neighbors/family members during the Covid-19 outbreak (AHG)
- Helped with the setup of Charter Organization's Rummage Sale
- Memorial Flag placing (AHG)
- Serving at New Path (cleaning out the garage, helping at Gala) (AHG)
- Christmas Decorations Set Up for Church
- Assisting with other Eagle Projects

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Attachment D
Section D – Religious Participation Record

3/13/2016 - 6/15/2023 American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a faith-based scouting organization for girls ages Kindergarten through 12th grade. Libby started AHG with Troop MD1208 as a fifth-grader in Laurel, Maryland where she enjoyed troop, and Explorer Unit activities, camping, earning badges, and service projects. She continued with MD1208 as a 7th and 8th grader in the Pioneer Unit. She served as the co-leader for the flag ceremony team where she and another girl lead teams each week through practice for a respectful and reverent flag ceremony. When we moved she joined OH1002 Marysville, Ohio for the Patriot (9-12th grade) Unit activities and continued to earn badges and provide service to the community. She served as the Assistant Troop Shepherd and enjoyed helping the adult Shepherd lead devotions and activities about the Armor of God to the troop of 80 girls.

4/30/2021 - 11/1/2022 AHG Stars and Stripes Award

The Stars and Stripes Award is American Heritage Girl's capstone award. To earn this award, applicants must draft a plan for a long-lasting service project to benefit a non-profit organization with a minimum of 100 service hours and gain approval before implementation. Project Description: New Path Pregnancy Resource Center Marysville, Ohio Conference Room Refresh. The conference room is the focal point of the ministry. Libby planned, fundraised, and led a team of volunteers through the demolition, building, and painting of two board and batten wall features in the main conference room and the main hallway; she also added a magnetic glass whiteboard and re-finished the meeting table and storage unit. The room is used for Bible studies, staff meetings, client instruction, and training. The hallway wall features framed pictures of babies saved through the ministry. Total project hours for all volunteers: 217.5. Maintains relationships with staff and volunteers and was invited to attend part of their staff training.

9/1/2020 - 4/29/2021 AHG Dolley Madison Award

The Dolley Madison Award is AHG's highest-level award earned in the 10th-12th grade. Libby helped plan and lead a "Spring Into Crafts" badge day for the troop of 80 girls which helped the younger girls earn the badge and complete a service project benefitting residents of a local nursing home.

9/1/2018 - 4/14/2019 AHG Harriet Tubman Award

The Harriet Tubman Award is the 8th-grade Level Award for AHG. Libby chose to plan and lead a donation drive for paper products benefitting the Sarah's House shelter for women and children in Odenton, Maryland. Libby led a donation drive to collect over 250 single-use paper products for the children at Sarah's House which provides breakfast for youth at risk before going to school.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year: Attachment E
Section E – Career Interests

It is a great honor to be in a position to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Just a few years ago, this opportunity was not even a possibility or a thought that had occurred to me. Many people have volunteered their time to guide and mentor me in this accomplishment. While I can't say I've fully loved every moment of my scouting journey, I can say I have done my best to learn from every troop meeting, campout, and situation that I have faced. Scouts has impacted my life in many ways and my goal is to use what I've learned and apply it to my activities outside of scouts and to the rest of my life. Achieving Eagle has been one of my biggest milestones so far but it won't be my last. In continuing my journey through scouts there are areas where I want to apply what I've learned so far and continue to further develop my leadership skills and grow.

In scouting, I want to apply myself as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. I plan to guide, mentor and encourage my fellow scouts in their journey to Eagle. I want to go further in developing my leadership by taking advanced training courses and then applying what I've learned to scouts and other aspects of my life. Staffing the adult training, Green Bar, has been one of my highlights in scouting and I am currently on staff as a key leader (the leader over all of the instructors) for National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). My goal is to help pass along what I have learned through my training and experiences.

My career interests have changed over time. I have always enjoyed puzzles and problem-solving, Logic being one of my favorite subjects. Scouting has uncovered a passion for leading groups and planning events. I am still not sure which career path is the best for me. A business major has piqued my interest since it will give me a wide range of opportunities and I can see myself managing a group or corporation. Either Cedarville University in Ohio or Patrick Henry College in Virginia is where I would like to attend.

After acquiring a business degree I am interested in attending Law School. When working through my 8th-grade mock trial I really enjoyed being a prosecuting attorney and took an interest in studying law. I'd love to be an attorney and eventually a judge. A judge's goal is to help individuals and I believe I have a strong sense of justice and want to help people change their lives for the better. I am not sure where God will lead me but I have faith that He will use me for good and that the skills I have learned in scouting, which have shaped my character and knowledge, will be used to help better my community.

February 26, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to recommend Libby Greenbaum for the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship. Libby has been involved in our church and one of our ministries for a number of years, and I have been able to observe many qualities that I believe make her an exceptional candidate for this scholarship. Libby is responsible and is able to follow through on tasks whether it is a major project or a small job. She has a heart for servicing those around her. I have seen this displayed in a project that she planned and completed for our local pregnancy resource center. This was a major undertaking that took lots of time and she was diligent to see it through. Her desire to help this ministry and be used by the Lord has helped her see that her service can have an impact on other people's lives. Libby also displays good leadership qualities. She knows the value of teamwork and is able to bring a group together to accomplish a central goal. For these reasons and others, I gladly recommend Libby Greenbaum to you. I believe she would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship and would represent your organization well. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Jason McDonald
Teaching Pastor
Living Hope Church of Marysville
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February 16, 2023

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Dublin, OH 43017

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Libby Greenbaum for your scholarship opportunity. I met Libby and her family in September 2019 at Bible Study Fellowship. Her mother and I were adult leaders involved in starting the School Age Program at the Mill Run location. Every week that Autumn, we had a challenge that required our students to be flexible and cooperative. Most of the time it involved asking the older students, Libby among them, to join the younger students so that we could meet our required adult/student ratios. Instead of grumbling, Libby always rose to the occasion and with her positive attitude helped us leaders manage whatever situation arose. She is a tremendous role model for younger students!

Of course, the challenges of Autumn 2019 pale in comparison to what was waiting for us in Spring 2020! Our program moved online and Libby was there each week, undeterred. Libby has a level of motivation and persistence that is rare among her age group.

In September 2021, our program resumed our in-person meetings. Not only was Libby there each week, but she also sought out ways to serve. Whether it was helping us set up and put away chairs or chatting with newcomers, Libby fully participated and led by example.

Libby has used her high school years well and served others generously as demonstrated by her many community service projects. Most importantly among them are her American Heritage Girls project which was thoughtful and thorough and her Eagle Scout Project which was an ambitious undertaking that demonstrated Libby's willingness to go beyond expectations.

Libby Greenbaum is completely deserving of your organization's scholarship. Your backing will give her the resources and encouragement to continue to serve others and be a bright light in the community.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Jacob



February 1, 2023

American Legion
500 Park Avenue
Marysville, OH 43040

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to recommend Libby Greenbaum for the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship. I first met Libby in November 2019 when she began volunteering as a youth server at our Annual Fundraising Gala and volunteering to help sort monthly donations for our Baby Boutique. In January 2022, Libby contacted New Path leadership about an idea for her American Heritage Girl Stars & Stripes project. This project allowed me the opportunity to work with Libby on a more personal level and quickly learn just how amazing of a young lady she is.

Libby had to lead a group of her peers, of varying age ranges, to complete a board and batten woodworking project at one of our Center locations. From the very beginning, she demonstrated excellent communication skills with New Path leadership. Her written and verbal communications were professional, timely, poised, and articulate. Throughout the process, she demonstrated humble confidence, in that she knew she needed the advisement of adults while also being confident to lead her peers and delegate tasks. Libby is a teachable servant leader, which makes Libby stand out! While leading her group of peers, Libby never exalted herself above the others. She fostered a positive and exciting atmosphere, promoting teamwork. She encouraged her team and thanked her team.

As a daughter of a veteran, it is also very clear to me that Libby upholds the values and mission of God and Country. Libby has a strong sense of justice, even considering law enforcement or law as a career. She is dedicated to promoting peace and goodwill, seeking to serve her community, and being mutually helpful as she serves. Libby is actively learning how to balance truth with kindness, justice with grace, leadership with humility, and obligation with service...and she is doing a FANTASTIC job!

It is my honor and privilege to recommend Libby for this scholarship. She is all-American in her attitude, character, devotion, work ethic, and faith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cara A. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cara A. Miller
Center Director, Richwood

Mrs. Francine Goodman
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February 3, 2023

To whom it may concern,

My name is Francine Goodman, and it is my honor and pleasure to recommend Libby Greenbaum as the young person who should be honored with the scholarship offered by your organization.

I have had the pleasure of working with Libby since August of 2019, when she became a founding member of Scouts BSA Troop 777 here in Marysville, Ohio where I have the pleasure of serving as the Scoutmaster. Libby is no stranger to being a history-maker, having joined Scouts BSA on February 1, 2019, the first day which the program was opened to young women in the United States. When her family relocated from Virginia to Ohio after her father's military retirement, Libby's dedication to earning the rank of Eagle Scout led her to join forces with eight other young women dedicated to the ideals of servant leadership and cheerful service. Together, these pioneering young women founded the first girl's troop in Union County, Ohio.

Libby's experience with the program from already having helped found a chapter in Virginia was invaluable from our organization's beginning, and it was no surprise when her fellow Scouts elected her as the first Senior Patrol Leader, the youth leader in Scouting responsible for directing this youth-led program. Her organizational skills, welcoming spirit, and comfort with having challenging conversations with other young people made her an invaluable asset, and she set the standard for every youth leader to follow in her footsteps. Libby's mentorship of the Scouts who have taken on the mantle of leadership after her term was over has continued to be an asset to our Troop, and she was also selected to serve as an instructor for the Scouts BSA National Youth Leadership Training program. Additionally, Libby serves as an instructor for the Introduction to Scout Leadership for Troops, offering this program to Troops throughout our area to improve young Scout leaders. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society, Libby was elected by her peers to serve as one of the first female youth members on the Lodge Leadership team. As our Troop's first Eagle Scout, Libby was a model of flexibility when her project was met with challenges with city inspections and permitting, and she experienced all the challenges of managing a major construction project to improve our local American Legion Post.

While I can list Libby's achievements and accolades for pages, that does not present a complete picture of who Libby is a person. I have always been impressed by her maturity and sense of self as a young woman guided by a strong moral code grounded in her faith. Libby is organized on a level I wish I was, balancing school, community organizations, and work seamlessly. Libby communicates on a level I've not seen before in over ten years working with young people, and is at heart a peacemaker, working to make the world around her a better place and repair relationships when those around her have conflict. With all of this in mind, I can think of no young person more deserving of your support as she continues her education than Libby, and you can be assured that she will be a representative of your organization that you can be proud of.

Thank you for your time and consideration of Libby, and for your time in reviewing this recommendation.

Yours in Service,



Francine Goodman
Scoutmaster, Troop 777, Marysville, Ohio
Secretary Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary Union Unit 79, Marysville, Ohio
Marysville Track & Field, NFHS Coach Level 3

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to recommend Libby Greenbaum for the 2023 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. I have known Libby since she and her family moved to Ohio from Maryland in 2019. I have had the opportunity to watch Libby grow into a fine young woman with strong leadership skills and determination to achieve anything that she sets her mind to.

From the first time I met Libby, I was impressed with her outgoing and confident demeanor. Her ability to connect with adults and her peers with seamless transitions is one thing that impressed me most. She never hesitated when engaged in conversation whether Scouting related or otherwise. As an adult leader in the district that serves Libby's Scouts BSA Troop 777, I have had the privilege of watching her grow up these last several years. Libby worked hard in Scouting, serving her troop in many leadership roles and going on to earn her Eagle Scout Award; the first female in Union County, Ohio. I have also witnessed Libby be recognized by her peers when she was elected to Scouting's National Honor Society; the Order of the Arrow. Once Libby completed her induction to the Order, she took on a leadership role there as well, working on our unit elections team and running for Lodge Officer. In 2022, Libby served as Lodge Treasurer and worker with her adult advisor running the Lodge Trading Post for all of our events.

Libby has not only excelled in Scouting, but I have watched her excel in American Heritage Girls as well. She recently earned the Stars & Stripes Award, the highest recognition in American Heritage Girls. It is a multi-faceted award that honors girls who epitomize the AHG Oath and Creed. The award incorporates badgework, service, and leadership.

Libby is well-liked and respected by her peers. Libby gets along well with everyone. She is thoughtful, caring, and respectful. She is quick to offer assistance to those in need and has a genuine servant's heart.

I am not sure of Libby's choice for college at this point but do know that wherever she attends, those that encounter her will be better for having met her. There is no doubt in my mind that Libby will continue to strive for excellence in everything she does. She is one of the most motivated individuals I know, and is driven by her strong upbringing and loving family.

Her hard work and effort will take her a long way in life and there is no doubt in my mind that she will succeed. She is most deserving of this scholarship and will greatly contribute to any community that she is a part of.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at jtrout71@gmail.com or 937-243-3079.

Sincerely,

John "JT" Trouten

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Libby Greenbaum as a trail blazer and confident leader with wit and wisdom that far exceed her years. Having known Libby for three years as a Scoutmaster in the Simon Kenton Council, I am certain that she will thrive due to her leadership experience, demonstrated grit, and excellent character upholding the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

During Libby's time on the Green Bar adult leadership training course with me she demonstrated competence and confidence to serve as a role model Scout whose abilities earned her the right to lead the adult training sessions on her own. She has always impressed me with her wisdom to have knowledge of a topic, the ability to express her own mastery humbly yet confidently and the EQ to quickly pivot assess and apply the possibility for growth for a fellow Scout. I am consistently impressed with her skill to communicate effectively and concisely to leadership with the ability to lead a team of Scouts with cheer, vision and heart while mindfully advocating for change in an orderly fashion appropriately applied when needed. This balance of leading in a trustworthy, courteous and cheerful manner is a distinct marker of an Eagle Scout. Libby's ability to step forward and lead effectively has made a positive impact on her fellow Scouts and the development of the community of future Scouting leaders. Therefore, I am confidently able to recommend her based on these experiences.

I am more than happy to provide further details about Libby if needed, I can be contacted by phone at 614-743-0246 or my personal email tracyshrimplin@icloud.com.

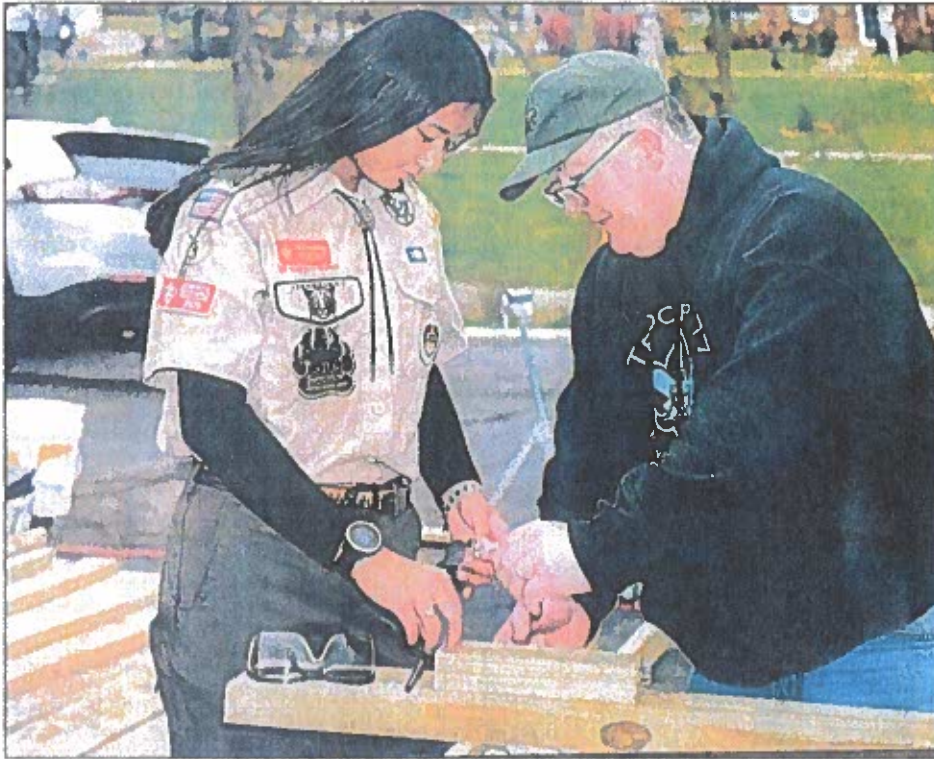
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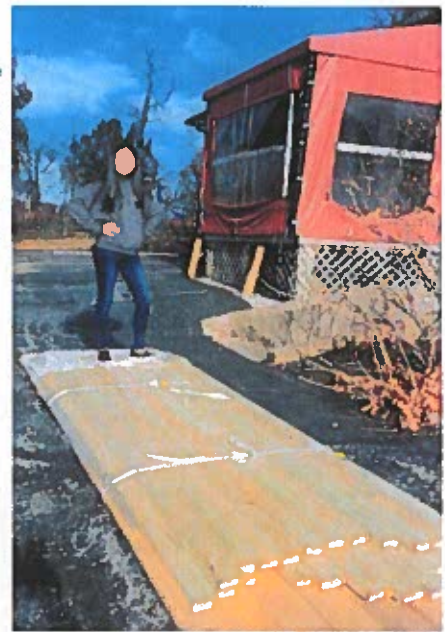
Scoutmaster Troop 7074
Green Bar Youth Staff Leader 2021 & 2022
Woodbadge Course 441-19-1 and Troop Guide 441-22-1
NRA RSO





Libby Greenbaum, left, of Mill Valley recently completed her Eagle Scout project at the Ohio American Legion Post 79 on Park Avenue with the help of her father, Lanny Greenbaum, right, and 47 other volunteers. Upon successful completion of her Eagle Board of Review this month, Greenbaum, who is a member of the all-girls Troop 777, will become the first female Eagle Scout in Union County.

(Photo submitted)



Mill Valley girl is county's first female Eagle Scout



By **ALLY LANASA**
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Libby Greenbaum, a founding member of Troop 777, recently completed her Eagle Scout project to become the first female Eagle Scout in Union County.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Scouts BSA, formerly only achievable by Boy Scouts.

"I have been so amazed with the program, and I'm so thankful that girls are allowed to be a part of the scouting program and do the exact same thing as the boys in our own troop, and I get to do it with girls of like mind," Greenbaum said. "I'm just really blessed that I was allowed in this program."

The Boy Scouts of America announced in 2017 it would allow girls to join the organization as Cub Scouts and earn the rank of Eagle Scout, marking a historical change in the organization. On Feb. 1, 2019, the organization changed its name to Scouts BSA and welcomed all-girls troops.

Troop 777 was founded and chartered at the First United Methodist Church of Marysville in August 2019 as the first all-female

Scouts BSA Troop in Marysville and Union County, serving all local girls from ages 11 to 17. Currently, the troop consists of 11 girls. Collectively, they have earned 157 merit badges and advanced 39 ranks.

"They've also camped a total of 492 nights collectively, and earned 482 Frost Points, which are earned for every degree below freezing it falls to during a campout," said Troop 777 Scoutmaster Franki Goodman.

For her Eagle Scout project, Greenbaum improved the porch on the west side entrance of the American Legion Post 79 on Park Avenue.

She said she really wanted to help an organization that benefited military veterans "because her father is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force."

She contacted the Marysville post and learned that the porch at the west side entrance needed repairs. At the time, it was only walled with a canvas awning and a thin plexiglass with a wooden frame.

"I love to do woodworking projects with my dad," Greenbaum said.

Her father, Lanny Greenbaum, said she has made bird houses, a hexagon-shaped shelf and bat

houses. She offered to remove the faded siding and enclose the porch on three sides with wood.

"I chose to build walls that attach to the existing structure with pressure treated wood and added thicker plexiglass windows. These new walls will act as a wind block to members and visitors entering the post and give the entrance an overall refresh," Greenbaum explained.

She began planning the project on April 30, 2021. She used SketchUp software to complete computer aided drawings for the design.

"My favorite part was when it started coming together and seeing it go from paper to the project. It was just amazing," Greenbaum said.

In addition to the wood walls on the west side entrance, Greenbaum and volunteers cleaned up the rose garden on site. The post building was also deep cleaned, and the lattice and rocks under the entrance area were replaced to improve the appearance of the entrance.

The project was completed with the help of 48 volunteers on Nov. 24, 2021. Greenbaum put 136 hours of community service into the project.

Upon successful completion of her Eagle Board of Review this month, Greenbaum will officially earn the title of Eagle Scout.

Greenbaum began Scouts BSA as a founding member in the all-female Troop 214 in Crofton Maryland, when she was about 13 years old. In summer 2019, her family moved to Union County after her father retired from the Air Force. Her father grew up in Plain City and is a 1990 graduate of Jonathan Alder.

Initially, Greenbaum joined Scouts BSA to enhance her college applications, but the organization had a much greater impact on her life than she could have imagined.

"Over the last two and a half years, it's become more of a journey and an adventure," she said. "Now, instead of trying to earn the patch [patches resemble that] I got to walk this journey, I got to meet these really cool people, all of the hard challenges that I faced and overcame and all of the friendships and the memories that I made."

Greenbaum added that she wanted to earn the rank of Eagle Scout "to represent my whole journey."

When attending scouting Please see Eagle on page 2

Service Project Volunteer Breakdown

Volunteers	#	%	Hrs	%	Ave
Scouts	24	49%	248.75	52%	10
BSA Adults	14	29%	137.25	29%	10
Youth	4	8%	12.5	3%	3
Adults	7	14%	80.5	17%	12
TOTALS	49		479		10

Eagle

(Continued from page 1) has completed a total of 1,212 community service hours in Union County, roughly 300 of which Greenbaum completed.

Greenbaum is also involved with American Heritage Girls, a Christian-based scouting organization for girls ages 5-18.

The 16-year-old Mill Valley resident has earned 57 merit badges and 11 awards. Goodman said the troop

GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 79 – EAGLE SCOUT PORCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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Libby Greenbaum, Union County's first female Eagle Scout, renovated the entrance to Marysville's American Legion Post for her Eagle project



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POST 29 – VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Bob Nichols, a 95-year old World War II Navy Veteran and his wife Norma, received a quilt from the Muskingum County Ohio Quilters for Veterans during a Veterans Appreciation breakfast hosted by Zanesville Post 29 on April 16, 2022. The Nicholls have been married 72 years.



Pictured here: Bob Nichols with his wife Norma

POST 710 – WWII VETERAN RETURNS FROM HONOR FLIGHT

On April 14th, 2022, the only surviving WW2 Veteran of Marengo Memorial Post 710 returned home from his first Honor Flight. His Name is Donald Harris age 96. Others in attendance were Don's family and Bill Young, Larry Stanley, Dave Vermillion, and Shane Eaton from Marengo Memorial Post 710





Legion post helps youth become first female Eagle Scout in Union County, Ohio

The American Legion

APR 25, 2022

Libby Greenbaum was one of thousands of girls to join Scouts BSA in February 2019 when the program opened to girls. She helped found the all-female Troop 214 in Crofton, Md., as well as the all-female Troop 777 in Marysville, Ohio, where she and her family currently reside after moving to the area from Maryland in the summer of 2019 following her father's retirement from the U.S. Air Force. Since her time in Scouting, 17-year-old Libby has earned 57 merit badges and 11 awards. And she recently received Scout BSA's highest rank – Eagle Scout.

"I'm thankful that Scouting opened the program to allows girls to have their own troops. Without that none of this would have been possible," Libby said. "It is a great honor to be able to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. I fell in love with this program, the leaders and the girls, and that really is what got me to stick through the whole program and get all the way to Eagle. It's been an amazing journey."

For her Eagle Scout project, Libby wanted to give back to a community that she was familiar with – veterans. So her father, Lanny, encouraged her to speak with the local American Legion Post 79. Post Commander Mel Cantrell met with Libby in April 2021 and identified that the west side entrance porch of the post home, which faces the parking lot, needed improvement. It's the entrance most people walk through but it didn't protect from the outdoor elements and wasn't aesthetically appealing. The porch was covered with a ripped canvas awning and thin, broken plexiglass. Libby used SketchUp software to create her design for the porch, which was one that Cantrell "absolutely loved."

Pressure treated wood was attached to the existing structure to enclose the porch, new and thicker plexiglass windows were installed, and a new white lattice replaced the old, faded one below the

porch along with new rocks. Inside the post home was deep cleaned and the rose garden was pruned for easier maintenance. Forty-nine volunteers contributed 479 hours to complete the project last November.

"It was really a labor of love," Cantrell said. "I think it came out absolutely wonderful; it has been a great addition to our porch. Honestly, I couldn't be happier with it."

Lanny, who helped with the project, said he was impressed with Libby's ability to successfully create a plan, research it, adjust along the way, and handle challenges.

"Opportunities like that, with Libby's leadership at other Scouting events and things of that nature, are going to prepare her for the future and truly help her be a leader moving forward," he said. "We are extremely proud of her."

Libby and her father enjoy woodworking projects together, which is a reason why she went with 2x6 woods slats for the porch walls. Out of wood she has also made a hexagon-shaped shelf, and bird and bat houses for Scouting merit badges.

Heather, Libby's mother, said she has "enjoyed seeing Libby grow as a person in the Scouting program" through the youth-led model that gives girls "a safe place to learn" leadership.

On May 15, Libby will receive her Eagle Scout merit in a ceremony at American Legion Post 79 where attendees will walk through the newly constructed porch "that we built," Libby said. "I'm really thankful for this program, and for both of my troops for being so supportive of me.

"I've made some of my best friends, both boys and girls, (through Scouting). We just have that same kind of bond. We're all Scouts, we're all striving to learn these really amazing leadership skills together to better ourselves and to better the community. I love the Scouting program; I love that I'm able to be a part of this."

Libby hopes to be a mentor for her fellow Scouts looking to achieve Eagle Scout rank, as well as further develop her leadership skills through Scouting and her involvement with American Heritage Girls, a faith-based Scouting-like program for girls.

"Scouting is just such an amazing program that has really helped my life. I've grown so much as a leader and as a citizen, and I really think it's changed my life."

<https://www.legion.org/255617/legion-post-helps-youth-become-first-female-eagle-scout-union-county-ohio>

SCOUTS WHO *soar*

Projects show the determination, diligence, and can-do spirit of aspiring Eagle Scouts.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JAMIE RHEIN

Head to most parks around the state — from small-town playgrounds to urban greenspace to metroparks — and you'll often see something that's been added or improved as the result of an Eagle Scout project. Using a combination of can-do spirit and hours of labor, Eagle Scouts have provided parks (and schools and municipalities and lots of other entities) with benefits such as animal habitats, walkways, footbridges, landscaping, shelter revamps, and much more.

Often armed with wood, cement, and a variety of tools, along with fierce determination, members of Scouting BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America) from across the country aim for the Eagle rank. Since 1911, when Eagle Scout became the organization's highest level of achievement, only 4% of Scouts in the U.S. have earned the honor. Nine U.S. presidents have been involved in Scouting, but of them, only Gerald Ford rose to its highest rank.

The path to Eagle Scout includes a rigorous set of requirements that must all be completed before the Scout turns 18: positions of troop leadership, a selection of required and optional learning on a wide variety of subjects (merit badges), and, most famously, completion of a project that benefits the community.

Before his 18th birthday, Alan Rosenbeck, now assistant park manager at Highbanks Metropark between Columbus and Delaware, looked to Preservation Parks in Delaware County for his Eagle project. The wood duck boxes he built years ago in Char-Mar Park are still in use. Today, Scouts from around the region look to him for their own project support.

"I have Eagle Scouts coming every year," he says. "Scouts have built barred owl and flying squirrel boxes, taken on repairs, rebuilt structures, or upgraded landscaping."

In 2020, Nishanth Kunchala of Troop 428 from Powell took on several Highbanks initiatives. "The more he did, the more he wanted to do." By the time Kunchala was done, he, along with fellow Scouts and others, revamped a picnic shelter building, replaced picnic table boards, and installed ADA-accessible grills and a new brick patio base.

"Currently, we are developing a natural play station. Another Scout designed and mulched the trail leading to that project," says Rosenbeck. The trail also curtails invasive species, which was the Scout's original idea. Along with boosting park offerings, Rosenbeck sees Eagle projects as a way Scouts learn what's possible.

Luke Steffens learned what was possible 10 years ago when his Eagle project transformed a nondescript patch of invasive weeds and dirt in Scioto Audubon Metro Park south of downtown Columbus into a riot of color — a native-species flower garden that serves as a monarch butterfly way station. "I'm glad I helped the park do its mission of attracting native wildlife," Steffens says. The core of the garden's pathway near the nature center is still intact, and the New England asters, coneflowers, and butterfly weeds continue to attract butterflies.

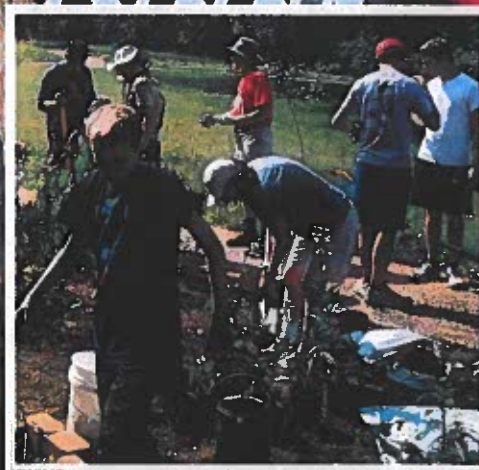
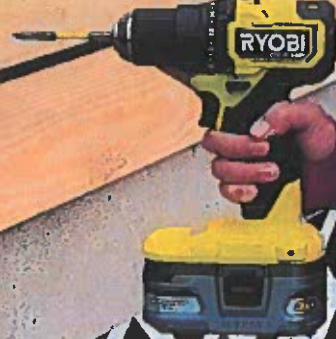
Heather Williamson has been with the metroparks system for more than 20 years. "It's a pleasure to watch how Scouts grow throughout the projects," she says. At Rocky Fork, one of the parks she manages, Scout-made feeders offer birds a place to fuel up, and a new dog park shelter offers visitors a respite from the sun or rain.

Anthony Steines, a member of Troop 101 in Warren, turned to technology for his Eagle project. One of the troop's annual projects is to place flags on veterans' graves in Warren's Oakwood Cemetery. The historic cemetery, opened in 1848, is a peaceful place of leafy trees and graves that date to the Revolutionary War. Many of them, weathered over time, are difficult to read, and Scouts would have a difficult time each year finding which stones needed flags. So Steines created a map and website, with photos and descriptions, that allow both the troop and public at large to find those graves and honor those veterans. "By giving back to the community, you're able to see what's needed" and then fill that need as an Eagle project, says Matt McCracken, scoutmaster of Troop 101 and himself an Eagle Scout.

Since girls were first allowed to join Scouting BSA in 2019, more than 31,000 girls have joined — including Libby Greenbaum, Union County's first female Eagle Scout. Her father, Lanny, an Air Force veteran, inspired Libby to renovate the entrance of the American Legion Post in Marysville. She removed the ripped tarp and broken plexiglass that had covered the entrance and led a project to build a covered, wood-sided entryway. As part of American Legion Park, the building is next to the municipal pool and the walking path. Its fresh look shows off the community pride and the Eagle Scout's can-do spirit. "I was very impressed with what she did," says Mel Cantrell, the post commander. Greenbaum's work "made a huge difference." 🦋

Notable Ohio Eagle Scouts

- Astronaut Neil Armstrong earned his Eagle Scout award in 1947 as a member of Troop 14 in Wapakoneta.
- U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown earned his Eagle in 1967 in Mansfield, in a ceremony that was attended by John Glenn.
- Milton Caniff, the cartoonist famous for comic strips *Terry and the Pirates* and *Steve Canyon*, earned his Eagle while growing up in Hillsboro.



Libby Greenbaum (top), Union County's first female Eagle Scout, renovated the entrance to Marysville's America Legion Post for her Eagle project. From left: Lars Haapala is one of numerous Scouts guided each year by Alan Rosenbeck, assistant manager at Highbanks Metropark; Luke Steffes' project in Scioto Audubon Metro Park still draws monarch butterflies 10 years after its completion; Anthony Steines created a digital map to aid Scouts as they place flags at veterans' graves in Warren.

