

Minsi Trails Council

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Eagle Extensions Still Being Considered

After some confusion, the National Council has clarified that local Councils will continue to have the authority to grant Extensions to complete work toward Eagle through Dec. 31 of this year. Life Scouts can be granted up to three months from their 18th birthday to complete their Eagle requirements if it can be determined that their work has been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. At this time, those extensions can run up until March 31, 2021.

Requests for extensions should be mailed or emailed to Minsi Trails Registrar Stephanie Miller and the Scout's District Eagle Chairperson. The Council Advancement Committee will continue to follow the procedures put in place when the National Council first granted this authority.

Additional COVID-19 Time Extensions for those

granted on or before June 30, 2020

Updated 10/1/20

Due to the current situation—effective immediately and through December 31, 2020—council Scout executives may grant extensions, or delegate authority to the Council Advancement Committee to grant extensions under the following limitations:

1. It can be established that COVID-19 disruptions were the only circumstances that delayed work on Eagle Scout/Summit/Quartermaster advancement requirements, such as the service project or merit badges. If any other causes were involved, the extension request must go to the National Council following the process outlined in the Guide to Advancement.
2. Extensions for Eagle shall only be granted to youth who have already achieved Life rank.
3. When the council receives a COVID-19-related request for a time extension, the council reviews the request and approves it if appropriate. A written response stating the outcome of the extension request must go to the youth. If approved, the notification must be attached to the youth's Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster rank application. For Eagle, the extension must not exceed 3 months from the youth's 18th birthday; for Summit/Quartermaster, the extension must not exceed 3 months from the youth's 21st birthday.

As of 6/25/2020: For any extension granted under this temporary authority on or before June 30, 2020, councils may grant an additional extension of up to 3 months upon receiving another request. That request should be made to Minsi Trails Registrar Stephanie Miller at Stephanie.Miller@scouting.org.

Councils should remind Scouts/Venturers/Sea Scouts receiving extensions who need the time to complete their Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster Service Projects to consider making changes to the Projects, including possibly changing Projects, so they can be completed by the new deadline.

4. Upon turning 18, the Scout must submit a completed adult application and successfully complete YPT; their participant code will now be UP for Scouts BSA or VP for Venturing and Sea Scouting. Scouts who turn 18 must do this before continuing working toward Eagle.

Note: A “month” in BSA advancement is defined as a day from one month to the next. For example, March 5 to April 5.

The authority for councils to grant extensions is temporary, lasting only through Dec 31, 2020.

Please follow these steps when making a request for an extension due to COVID-19 causes:

- As prescribed in the Guide to Advancement, the Scout, the Scout’s parent or guardian, the unit leader, or a member of the unit committee may file the request for an additional extension of up to 3 months. It is preferred that the request be made in the form of a letter that is signed and dated by the author.
- In consideration of the current situation where Council personnel may be working from home, please scan the letter into a PDF document and attach the PDF to an email or take a photo of the letter and attach that to the email. The email is to be sent to both Stephanie Miller, Council Registrar at Stephanie.Miller@scouting.org **as well as** the respective District Eagle Chairperson. In addition, the letter itself is to be mailed to:

Stephanie Miller, Council Registrar, Minsi Trails Council, P.O. Box 20624,
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002

- The letter must include the following:
 - The Scout’s name, date of birth, unit number, telephone number and email address
 - Scoutmaster’s name, telephone number and email address
 - An explanation of how COVID-19 made this request for an additional extension necessary including what aspects of the Eagle requirements were or are being impacted.

Please allow up to two weeks for the Council to respond to the request. A letter will be emailed or sent to the Scout with the Council’s decision. If approved, a copy of this letter must be included as part of the Scout’s Eagle Application when submitted.

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