

How To Earn An Advancement In Rank

1. Read the requirements for the next rank listed in the Boy Scout Handbook.

The ranks in scouting are:

Scout
Tenderfoot
2nd Class
1st Class
Star
Life
Eagle

2. Do the work to complete the requirements and have them signed off by your patrol leader. If merit badges are required, follow the steps outlined in “How to Earn a Merit Badge” to complete these requirements.
3. Be active in the troop and your patrol for the required period, demonstrating “scout spirit” by your enthusiasm, willingness to help, and effort.
4. Have your patrol leader recommend you for advancement.
5. Call or see the Scoutmaster and schedule a “Scoutmaster Conference” at least one week in advance. This is a personal meeting with the Scoutmaster to determine your eligibility and preparedness for the rank being discussed as well as your personal growth.
6. Call or see the Advancement Chairman at least one week in advance and schedule a “Board of Review.” This is a group of troop parents that meet with you at a troop meeting to verify that you have fulfilled the requirements in order to rank advance. If you pass this step, you are advanced to the new rank as of that date.
7. Receive the award. The badge indicating your new rank will be presented to you at the next Court of Honor. Sometimes two rank advancements are presented at the same time if they were both earned during the time between two Courts.

Remember, Go For Eagle!