

## Life Ambition Overview

The Eagle Board has received questions with regards to the Life Ambition Statement. Requirement #6 - Attach to this application a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference with your unit leader.

As an Eagle Scout Candidate, this is your chance to discuss what you have learned throughout the whole process, from the time you crossed over into the Troop until now. This statement will be an opportunity to tell your board what else you do outside of scouting and how you plan to use ALL that you've learned in pursuing your life purpose. You can tell the Board what you want to do in the future, and your life's plans. Your Values, Ambitions, and your Life's Purpose who YOU are on the inside, and the impact Scouting has had on your life.

You can refer back to positions you have held or honors you have earned in and outside of Scouts and discuss how that will either help or be applied in high school, college, your workplace...how ever far your vision is currently set to. Sharing activities outside of Scouting helps show how you are involved in the community, nation, and the world.

Simply listing all the positions or achievements you have only shows your history, it does not tell the board where you want to go with those experiences. One method that has been successful is to list the leadership position, what you learned from it, and how it can help you later in life.

Take this seriously. DO NOT just whip out a quick 'what do I want to be when I grow up' statement. Share what is really going on in your life; where and what you wish to accomplish with your life, and what you believe your Life's Purpose truly is. Your Honor depends upon a genuine statement.

Several scouts have asked "How long does it have to be"?

This statement will reflect on your achievements and vision so think of how you would describe what you have accomplished and how you think you can use that going forward. On average, we have seen statements that are from one to two pages long...again, this is a reflection back on you, your accomplishments, your experiences, and vision.

SAMPLE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

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**Ambition Statement**

One of my ambitions is to...

In order to do this, I plan to ....

**Life Purpose**

I believe that my life purpose is to...

From the positions I've held and awards earned, I have learned the following:

1. Leadership Position/Honor/Award  
I learned from this a (lesson/skill) that in order to...
2. Leadership Position/Honor/Award  
I learned from this a (lesson/skill) that in order to...
3. Leadership Position/Honor/Award  
I learned from this a (lesson/skill) that in order to...
4. Leadership Position/Honor/Award  
I learned from this a (lesson/skill) that in order to...
5. Leadership Position/Honor/Award  
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