EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES AND CLARIFICATIONS

There are many worthy Eagle Scout Service Projects that can be carried out at minimal cost, if any. These are preferred to those with high price tags. In general, the BSA prefers there not be any fundraising at all; however, it is understood that this may not be realistic. In those cases, all fundraising or requests for material donations should be done in a restrained manner similar to simple unit fundraising efforts.

While youth members are normally not permitted to solicit funds on behalf of other organizations, the Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA grants an exception for youth members raising funds for an Eagle Scout Service Project, with another organization being the project beneficiary.

Before conducting any fund raising efforts, Eagle Scout candidates should carefully review the “Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising” that is attached to the reverse side of the “Eagle Scout Project Fundraising Application” (“the Application”) located in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. This provides BSA policy and guidelines for raising funds for Eagle Scout Service Projects.

The remainder of this document provides further guidelines and clarifications established by the Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA.

**Eagle Scout Project Fundraising Application**

1. All Eagle Scout Service Project fundraisers and in-kind donations require a fundraising Application, with the exceptions noted in the “Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising” and Guide to Advancement, regardless of the amount of money to be raised or the type of project.
2. Fundraising Applications should be submitted to the District Advancement Committee. Each district will determine the process for submission and approval.
3. Being part of the Eagle Project Workbook, the completed and signed fundraising Application should be included with the workbook when submitted with the Eagle Scout Application to the council office.
4. If an Eagle Scout candidate is offered a discount, gift cards, or scrap or left-over materials for their project, without solicitation on their part, they are allowed to accept it and an Application is not required.

**Crowdfunding for Eagle Scout Service Projects**

1. The Guide to Advancement allows for the use of “crowdfunding” via the Internet for Eagle Scout Service Projects. If this route is taken, the website’s fine print should be carefully reviewed by someone in a position of responsibility. Among the questions prospective Eagle Scouts and the responsible party will need to consider are:
   - Are the website’s terms of service in conflict with any BSA policies?
   - What kind of financial cost will the provider charge for this service?
   - Will you receive donations even if you don’t reach your stated monetary goal?
   - How long does it take to get your funds after the donating window closes?
   - Are you required to offer some sort of reward to backers? If so, what will the rewards be?
   - What will you do if you don’t reach your goal?
   - What are the site’s requirements if you raise more than you need? For example, certain providers require excess funds be used solely for the project, not just turned over to the project beneficiary.
   - How will you handle the requirement to provide a Tax ID or Social Security number, as well as any associated Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reporting?
2. If using a crowdfunding website, be sure that the details pertaining to the project are clearly presented. In addition, the project beneficiary must be clearly identified and it should not appear or represent that the BSA or any of its scout units are beneficiaries of the funds.