

# Eagle References and Letters of Recommendation

## Q&A



### Letters of Recommendations -

Question	Answer
Responsible for requesting and following up	Scout is responsible
Number of References	Four
Can the current unit leader (Scoutmaster, Advisor, Skipper) or Committee Chair serve as a reference?	No
Can the parent/guardian serve as a reference?	Strongly Discouraged
Can you use a religious leader as a reference?	Yes, this is allowed
Can the Scout collect the letters?	As long as they are sealed and delivered prior to the Eagle Board of Review; otherwise they need to be mailed
What is the impact on the Scout if references are not obtained?	If after diligent effort four recommendations are not received, the Board of Review can go forward. If the Scout chooses to go forward, the board may ask about their efforts, but may not deny advancement based only on lack of references
Can the Scout keep the letters of recommendation?	No, all letters are destroyed after the Board