# Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application

The Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application must be used by Scouts to obtain approval for Eagle Scout project fundraising or to secure donations of materials for their Eagle project. This is necessary for all circumstances except when all contributions are from the candidate, their parents or relatives, unit or chartering organization, other members of their unit, or the beneficiary of the project. Scouts should submit the fillable form to the council for consideration. The Scout should also print a copy and include it with the project plan. Within **five business days**, the Scout will receive an email response either seeking additional information or providing project funding approval. When approved, a copy of the approval email is to be included with the fundraising application as a part of the Scout's project plan.

Step 1. Determine if it is necessary to complete the Fundraising Application.

- Will you be asking anyone other than **relatives, unit members, charter organization, or beneficiary**?
    - o If yes, you must complete the form.
        - ▪ Please include a list of all those that will be asked for support that are not in the above categories. This includes name/company name and what they will be asked to donate.
        - ▪ Applications that fail to provide this list will be denied.
    - o If no, there is no need to submit an application.

Step 2. Complete Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application

- o Proposed dates for fundraising efforts must be at least 7 business days after the submission of the application to allow for adequate time to review the application and provide corrections if needed.
    - ▪ Applications submitted after the date of proposed fundraising or after fundraising has begun will be denied.
- o Have both the Beneficiary and Unit Leader sign the document.
    - ▪ Applications not signed prior to submission will be denied.
- o As we no longer have districts, please instead put the name of your Eagle Coordinator.

Step 3. Turn in Application to the Alamo Area Council. When submitting the application electronically you must include your unit leader on the email. (Failure to do so will lead to no response due to it being a YPT violation)

- o Applications can be submitted to Cristina Gonzalez at CristinaYesenia.Gonzalez@scouting.org.
- o The Council will then review the application and the list of names to make a determination on whether to: Approve, Deny, or Request more information.

# Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the BSA require a fundraising application?

- The BSA requires a fundraising application to protect its brand and ensure that those being asked for support fit with the ideals of Scouting. It also allows for a coordinated effort amongst all entities fundraising within the Council to maximize the support Scouting can receive.

Does the Alamo Area Council allow for Crowdfunding?

- The Alamo Area Council does not allow Crowdfunding. We will only approve asks that are being made directly to preapproved individuals/businesses. This includes things like Go Fund Me or posts on social media seeking donations.

Can I use a Go Fund Me? What about Cash App?

- These apps cannot be used to raise money but could be used to collect money. We do not recommend the use of the apps and encourage you to work with the beneficiary to ensure that you are following any fundraising policies they have.

What do I do with the funds when I receive them?

- Work with your unit and beneficiary on how best to store and report the funds.

What do I do with the receipts?

- Keep them and add them to your workbook as well as provide copies to your beneficiary.

Why did I not receive a response?

- Did you follow YPT, include your unit leader, and allow for the 5 days requested? If so, please follow up. If not, please correct the issue and resubmit.

Why would a prospective donor be denied?

- A donor may be denied if they do not align with the ideals of Scouting. They may also be denied as a prospect if they are already supporters of Scouting. An example may be if a hardware shop is already donating materials for the upkeep of camp.

Can I tell my prospective donor that the money supports Scouting?

- All money collected supports the beneficiary, not Scouting. During the ask you should not indicate that the money supports Scouting.

My donor wants a receipt or proof of donation, where do I get that? They are asking questions about taxes and IRS.

- The beneficiary receives all leftover funds and materials. You should work with them on anything that the donors need. You should make sure that the beneficiary is aware and capable of handling these needs prior to fundraising.

What do I do with leftover funds?

- All leftover funds are the property of the beneficiary.