

## Attention all Scoutmasters:

National has recently updated their requirements for Eagle, Quartermaster and Summit Extensions to which local councils (Suffolk County Council) are now given the authority to grant limited time extensions. As per national:

*“These extensions are available only to youth members who qualify under the three tests listed in the 2021 edition of the Guide to Advancement (GTA), which will be published early in the year. Advance copies of these topics and forms are also published at [www.scouting.org/advancement](http://www.scouting.org/advancement).”*

*The three tests are laid out in topic 9.0.4.0. The process for requesting and reviewing a time extension is outlined in topic 9.0.4.1. An appeal process has also been established if the council denies an extension. This process is outlined in topic 9.0.4.2.*

*Council Advancement Committees are advised that after Dec. 31, 2020, there is no plan to authorize COVID extensions as has been allowed during 2020. It is possible, however, that as of Jan. 1, 2021, COVID could become a circumstance that warrants an extension if it qualifies under the three tests listed in 9.0.4.0. Note that existing COVID extensions granted between Oct. 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2020, will expire three months after they were granted.”*

If you have Scouts that feel they might fit this criteria, then they can apply for a time extension for Eagle. Please read the following procedures outlined below.

1. The Eagle candidate or his parents must submit a written request for a time extension for Eagle outlining the reasons for the need for an extension. Remember, COVID can only be a reason for the delay if it qualifies under the 3 tests outlined above. These letters, or emails must be sent to your District Advancement Chair:
  - Benjamin Tallmadge District** – Brian Bindert: [brian@bindert.net](mailto:brian@bindert.net)
  - Matinecock District** – David Hunt: [CoachHunt@EagleCoach.org](mailto:CoachHunt@EagleCoach.org)
  - Sagtikos District** – Tony Dimino: [agdimino@optonline.net](mailto:agdimino@optonline.net)
  - Trailblazer District** – Pete Scavo: [pscavo@netscape.net](mailto:pscavo@netscape.net)
2. The letter request should include all of the following information:
  - a. The Scout’s name and troop
  - b. Status of the Eagle Project including beneficiary and a brief description of the project as well as the date the project was approved by the district rep (in the Eagle workbook Proposal section)
  - c. It will be important to describe the Scout’s status on the five Eagle Rank Requirements. It should list his or her:
    - i. Date of Birth
    - ii. Status of the Letters of Recommendation
    - iii. Status of Merit Badges earned (the 21 Merit Badges including the 13 Eagle Required badges)
    - iv. The position of responsibility and dates of performance
    - v. Status of the Eagle Project itself
3. The District Advancement Chairs will share with the Council Advancement Committee for a determination.
4. If the Scout is granted an extension it can only be, as per National, for the amount of time needed to complete the requirements for Eagle but not to exceed 6 months from the scouts’ 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
5. **If an extension is granted the Scout must submit, within 1 week of turning 18 years of age, an adult application and certificate of Youth Protection Training completion to council to complete the extension. The council registrar will not activate the extension until this is in hand.**

Scouts should never stop working on requirements while the process is in motion for a time extension.

Please contact your District Advancement Chair if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,  
The Suffolk County Council Advancement Committee  
Jim Micheels, Chairman