

Aaron

Statement of Ambitions

Ambitions, what we strive for as humans going into the world from young boys and girls to grown men and women. My ambitions as far as schooling are as follows, I would like to continue my schooling through Hillsborough Community College. I would like to do either electrical work or auto mechanics. Even better, I'd like to have both under my belt. I'd like to be able to pursue even further into my career with another two years at the University of South Florida, and then a technical school. As far as my scouting career I'd like to keep giving back to my troop and other troops. I will come back and teach the younger scouts what I have learned through my years of scouting. My fellow older Scouts have helped push me to where I am today and I couldn't be more thankful for that. My older brother became an Eagle Scout two years ago and so have multiple close friends. Being part of this organization has given me character. I have taught the values and I cherish them. My parents have helped me through my journey, not just to Eagle but to life. As I graduate high school this year, I am a tad bit anxious about my future and what path is the right one but I've learned, from years of guidance, that there is no one path. The only correct path to take is the one that you truly desire and it may have bumps but as long as you keep pushing, you will come to another set of paths. You keep pushing forward into each junction. I will continue to give back to my community. As a scout I have learned that I shouldn't expect anything in return but the satisfaction of helping someone in need. I would also like to take the ASVAB and look into the military as a back-up plan. It's not something in my direct interest but it's there in the back of my head still. I've had many members of my family in the military and they all contributed greatly. My ambitions are fairly simple to achieve. But it will take hard work to get where I want to be in my future. I believe I will obtain my true goals and ambitions as long as I stay focused and ready to learn more as it comes my way.

Hunter

Life Purpose and Ambitions

One of my aspiration and goals after high school is to attend the United States Naval Academy. I am an honors student and this year I am taking three AP classes, along with two honors classes to build my resume so I can be the most competitive in the application process.

I try to live by all the traits of the Scout Law in y everyday life. I always give 150% at my grades and all activities. I think involvement just doesn't mean being a part of the team, I try to also hold a leadership role in all activities. Every day, I focus on becoming a better person and hopefully make an influence on another person's life.

Leadership Postitions:

My life is filled with leadership actions and positions, in school and outside of school. To begin, in school, I participate in Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (a/k/a/ JROTC). In this class I am in my third year previously holding the ranks of Sergeant, Sergeant First Class and First Sergeant. Along with these ranks, I have earned 15 ribbons, 2 medals, 10 arcs and 2 chords. I hold myself to be the best in the room and with this standard I was declared the "Most Decorated Sophomore" last year. Continuing, this year as a Junior, I will be applying for the Command Sergeant Major and Captain of the JROTC Exhibition Team. Furthermore, in school, I participate in Junior Class Council. This year I was selected to be head of Public Relations organizing and choreographing different fundraisers and activities. During my years of scouting, I held numerous positions Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Troop Guide, Chaplain Aide, and Librarian. I am also a proud member of the Order of Arrow.

Outside of school, my main passion is Sailing. I recently joined Sea Scouts in addition to Boy Scouts to help improve my sailing and have been working over the summer instructing children to become future sailors. Scouting has been a part of my life since I was in first grade and I will continue to be a part of the scouting experience in the future through Sea Scouts and volunteering. I believe Scouting has molded me into the person I am today. I am proud to say I am a Boy Scout.

Nicholas

What I want to do for my future is to become an airplane mechanic.

My life purpose is to live my life in a way that will positively impact those who are around me. Positively impacting can be as simple as smiling at people even strangers giving compliments. Treating people with respect listening to others and having patience – especially with my nieces and nephews is another way. Being a good role model would help younger troop members and younger family members. Encouraging others by helping people out by doing nice things, especially when I don't get anything in return. Understanding that all people have weaknesses and they don't behave as you want them to by accepting them for who they are. Apologizing when I make mistakes or hurt someone and helping at home before asked to do something.

The positions that I held in which I demonstrated leadership skills are:

- 1) I believe in protecting the unborn. Therefore, I took leadership by participating in a march for life. I was a servant leader by guiding the group in the right directions. It was a two day event in Saint Augustine. The event was organized by my church, Saint Catherine of Siena.
- 2) I initiated a cleanup in my neighborhood after Hurricane Irma. I saw the great need of our neighbors to find their yards again. I asked my brother to help. We removed logs, limbs and debris from the yards of elderly neighbors.
- 3) I was also a Den chief helping the younger scouts moving up in their ranks and teaching them how to be a better Boy Scout. We discussed how important following directions and making good choices where.
- 4) I volunteered as a mentor at a vacation bible school for a week at my church. I assisted with activities for the younger children.
- 5) I am a Patrol Leader helping new scouts earn merit badges on campouts and at the scout meetings. We worked on first aid, I gave a demonstration on how to put a splint on someone. I also discussed about how to treat a burn.

Timothy

Statement of life purposes and activity in other organizations:

I am dedicated to three things: scouts, school, and athletics.

I started in scouts when I was in first grade and it has been a big part of my life, and still is. Cub Scouts made me grow up understanding the importance of being helpful and responsible. Our pack would help out at the Lions Club monthly breakfasts. I learned how to be responsible on our camping trips by pitching my own tent. Boy Scouts has shown me that greatness can only be achieved through hard work and determination. Scouting has also prepared me to be a responsible adult with integrity. The Family Life merit badge helped me learn the importance of helping around the house and being reasonable for chores. In the Personal Management merit badge, I learned about the Stock Market, being thrifty and expenses. I learned how to prepare for disasters and the importance of having an emergency bag ready from the Emergency Preparedness merit badge.

My Eagle project will benefit Family Promise. I chose Family Promise because, not only do they have a good cause, but they are also significant to my family because my grandmother volunteers for them. Family Promise is an organization that helps homeless families through a program that educates, supports, and provides housing.

I think of myself as a smart, helpful person. I am a sophomore in the Medical program at Boca Ciega High School. I am taking advanced honors courses. In the future, I see myself becoming a Biomedical Engineer. I want to do this to help others who have lost limbs or have other medical issues that can be solved by technology.

Athletics are an important part of a balanced person. I learned the importance of being a loyal friend in Cross Country. We have each other's backs and we support each other no matter how fast of a runner you are. I'm not the fastest, but I try my best to motivate myself and get better. I help others on the team by encouraging them to push forward.

Finally, I am a member of St. Jude's church. I have been with this church all of my life. I have been an altar server for 4 years. Also, I have served for the Bishop.

Sincerely,

Timothy

Adam

MY LIFE GOALS

I have many goals in life. My main goal in life is to always work hard in all I do. I am steering towards the study of music in college. I am in the marching, concert, and jazz bands at my high school. I also take private music lessons in preparation for State and other competitions. I play trombone, trumpet, and marching baritone. I'm always striving to be the best at what I do. I have also been accepted to the "Heat Wave" Drum and Bugle Corps. We learn at a higher level of performance, go to out-of-state competitions, and learn important team values and esprit de corps. In the future, I plan on performing with jazz bands, orchestras, and possibly teach music.

The values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law will be reflected throughout my life and in my music career. I have learned many outstanding values throughout my scouting experience. First and foremost, I am reverent and obedient to God and country. I have learned to be trustworthy, loyal, and to seek trust in others which will help in my future endeavors. In my scouting adventures I have learned to be thrifty, save resources, and economize in preparation of my future career duties. I have learned to have integrity in all that I do, to do the right thing when working alone and with others. To be helpful and be kind to others always and to reach out and assist in times of need. Scouting has taught me to have respect for the outdoors and nature which has prepared me for life's adventure. I am grateful that by participating in the Scouting program, I am now prepared to make the ethical and moral choices that I will carry and use for the rest of my life.

Micahael

Troop 21

Letter of Ambition

Dear Members of the Eagle Board of Review,

I joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger Scout in Pack 21. When I crossed over to Boy Scouts, I started learning a lot of new skills but the most important lesson I learned was that I was the only one responsible for my own progress. I also learned some essential life lessons such as the importance of personal hygiene, taking responsibility for myself and how to properly care for my uniform and my equipment.

I have come to realize that being a Boy Scout is like a long journey rather than a sprint to the finish. These experiences have allowed me to really enjoy all the years I have been a Boy Scout. Some of my favorites have included being a Boy Scout at the 2017 National Jamboree, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, and earning the Ad Altare Dei religious award. The former because of all the fun, activities and the chance I had to meet other scouts from all over the county and the latter because, even though I have already had nine years of religious training, Ad Altare Dei has really taught me a lot more about my faith.

Throughout my career, I have served in multiple positions of responsibility, including Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Service in these positions has taught me how to be a leader, how to be responsible, how to make good decisions, and to be more mature. I have already noticed a difference in how I handle challenges and decision-making in a group compared to non-Boy Scouts my age. I take a more mature, reasoned approach to resolving issues. I sometimes switch to SPL mode when I'm working in a group at school. I think the leadership skills I've learned in Boy Scouts will be incredibly helpful in my adult life.

I am currently a junior in high school. Ever since I was a little kid I have been using computers and have developed an interest in technology. When I graduate from high school in 2020, I plan to study Computer Engineering at the University of South Florida. I would also like to return to Troop 21 as an Assistant Scoutmaster. That way I can pay it forward and help the younger scouts become the Eagles Scouts of tomorrow.

Scouting has taught me a lot of things but the most important are about discipline, respect and honor. I have learned that these are not simply words to be repeated at the beginning of a meeting but that they are intended to provide a basis for the way that I am supposed to carry myself through life. When I am older and have a family, I'll definitely bring my children in to scouting so that they can learn the values that Boy Scouts has taught me and experience the fun that I had in being a Boy Scout.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael

Jared

My name is Jared I am entering my sophomore year in high school and I was in the class intro to engineering and design, all honors, and digital art. I got all A's and one B but my goal next year is to pull up my English grade so I have straight A's. I would like to be a mechanical engineer when I grow up. I play high school basketball and recreational hockey and go to my church's youth group. After I graduate high school I want to go to UCF for a master's degree in mechanical engineering. I picked this because I like to build things, make things better, and solve problems. Overall the career really interested me. I would like to work at Boeing or another place for engineering. I like to play hockey and baseball too. I started scouting as a tiger and grew up from playing marbles and tag, to Boy Scouts where we tie knots, build fires and cook. I have learned so many skills that I would like to pass on to my future family. I would like to marry my wife and have two kids one of them at least that I bring into scouting. I would help them and their troop grow in scouting.

Stephan

Statement of Life Purpose

Ever since I was a Tiger cub in pack 304, the Boy Scouts of America has shaped my life and made me the person I am today. As a result, I have learned invaluable leadership skills as well as the knowledge and courage to deal with challenges in life or death situations. However, I believe my purpose is to preserve our ever-changing world by actively advocating for and carrying out efforts to save the environment. I would like to be an environmental engineer, researching possible solutions to help our planet's fragile environment. For as long as I remember, I have had an interest in science. It first started with space and the cosmos, this topic being an obsession for years of my life. Recently, that focus has shifted to a more terrestrial outlook. My interest in the land and aquatic environments has grown, and my yearning to save them has increased. I have accomplished the first step into this realm through my Eagle Project, which consisted of building bat houses to help them thrive in the Pinellas County area. By carrying out this project, I believe I have made a pact with my future, striving to help the world whenever possible, as per the principles of Leave No Trace. Along with this, I plan to put the leadership and wisdom I gained as a Scout to good use. I wish to achieve this through a position of authority, so much so that my position will influence others to take example and make some progress in our world. My recent involvement in the Pinellas County Model United Nations Conference allowed me to get a taste of how global politics works. I feel as if I can make a living out of this as I had won an award for this competition, which in turn made me realize my potential for competency in international affairs. This may not have been the course I would want for my life had I not been in the Boy Scouts of America. My appreciation for nature and my drive to be a leader for the greater good exists thanks to this organization. Other organizations I am a part of are: National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, GOYA (church youth group), and The National Society of High School Scholars.

Ethan

Ambition Statement

Hello my name is Ethan Bell I am currently in troop 482 and coming to you to reach my goal of Eagle Scout. I have been in scouting since I was a tiger cub in cub scouts. I have now worked my way up in these many years to be at this point. In this span, I have developed and learned many leadership qualities and skills in scouting. Through this letter I plan to explain my accomplishments and my goals and ambitions.

Throughout my high school years, I have been committed to wrestling and marching band. I wrestled for 5 years and did very well while in the program. I dedicated hours and hours to the mat and did my best to become a good wrestler. I learned that not everything can be won, but to strive to follow up with something bigger and better. I completed several years in marching band and dedicated a huge portion of my life to this. For three weeks every summer, we had a 12 hour block on Mondays through Fridays and then three times a week through the fall marching season. This made me develop leadership skills, learn how to interact with people in a positive way, and reinforce being positive under stressed situations. While in marching band, I was a leader for the pit and entrusted to make sure they understood the music and help them work on choreography in the show. Because of these experiences, I feel I gained many important qualities that makes me who I am today.

After graduation, my plans are to find part time work, focus on my goals, and attend classes for becoming an EMT or firefighting, both if possible. I've considered alternative plans if these fields are not exactly what I want to be in. I am also considering culinary school through Disney to become a chef and learn more about culinary arts. I enjoy cooking and creating and feel this would be another possibility for a career opportunity. I have also had the dream to join the Navy. With my Eagle, this would assist me in rank to become an E-3 immediately out of boot camp. The Navy can help me with either of my chosen fields of medical or culinary, while I am serving my country. With my scouting history incorporated into a Navy career, I feel I can be very successful and achieve whatever I set my goal.

I currently am in NJROTC learning more about the Navy in my schooling. I have been a part of the competition team for academics and armed rifle exhibition. In this program, I have learned things that are key to know entering the Navy, such as the general order to the sentry, ship knowledge, ranks and categories for ships. This has also allowed me to use my leadership skills from Scouting in order to lead others when needed and to always help another person with their work. I plan to continue this until I graduate and continue to earn medals and add onto my accomplishments.

As well as being in scouts, I have had other accomplishments. I have made OA, learning what it is like to be apart of the ordeal and process of being inside the order. I have done a mile swim which was a challenge in itself to complete, but was very rewarding. I have completed many merit badges, teaching me many amazing skills, like first aid, how to help someone in need, how to properly cook meals, and how to clean up after myself. I have done merit badges ranging from chess all the way to sustainability. I love how merit badges taught me skills and opened up ideas for careers that I may not have ever thought of.

My scouting career has involved years of my life, dedicated into something I have a passion for, helping people and gaining more knowledge. I gained knowledge in my younger years from my scout leaders and patrol leaders, to where I am now, I am teaching younger scouts the lessons I once learned. Showing them skills through the program and helping them be the best person that they can be is satisfying. I hope that the people I teach can continue the legacy of having a passion for others in and outside of scouts. I would love to end up being an assistant scoutmaster or a scoutmaster for a troop. I want to continue volunteering in my community. I want to continue to build something great for future generations from my scouting experience. I want to make a lasting impact on the world as I believe everyone's contribution has an effect on society as a whole. I want to take all the great experiences, knowledge, and examples from Scouting and pass them onto the next generation of leaders, so our world can be a better place.

Harrison

To Whom it May Concern:

Having been in Scouting since first grade, it's not hard to see the program has a tremendous effect on my life; putting me in positions of leadership and taking me to some of the most beautiful places in America. I've learned so many things, and it has shaped my life so many ways, it would be impossible to record them all. Hopefully I can point out a few, offer an introduction to myself outside of Scouting, and give some insight to my future aspirations. Some of the greatest lessons I have learned come from leadership positions within my troop. Having served as a Patrol Leader, OA Representative, and as Senior Patrol Leader, I've come to know that Murphy's Law applies to every person and thing on this planet. I learned planning and doing are two separate, very different things. During my time as a leader, nothing disastrous has occurred. However, I feel Scouting has prepared me to handle them, should they ever happen. I've been exposed to the greater dynamics of service through the Order of the Arrow; where emphasis is placed not only on leading but serving others and giving back to the community. Truly, Scouting has provided me with a solid foundation on which to build my future and become an impactful member of society.

Academically, I've earned good grades throughout middle school and high school to this point. At every opportunity, I have taken higher-level courses, including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credits. During my junior year, I will be inducted into the IB program and plan to take higher-level Chemistry and History; both of which are special areas of interest and I may consider them for my career aspirations.

At school I recently became involved in the theater program and was lucky enough to take part in our fall production. As I continue with the program, I hope to be in many more productions and become involved in a leadership position with the Drama Club. This past summer, I volunteered at the American Stage Theatre Company and look forward to doing so again this summer and the next. From these experiences, I found an interest in performance. I am considering taking theater classes at my school. I can see theatre having an important place in my future.

Even though I haven't quite decided what I want to do for a career, I am certain I will attend college and possibly pursue a postgraduate degree as well. I realize most careers I'm interested in require higher education. Career wise, I've considered chemical engineering, teaching and history, along with a multitude of others. In the best case, I will attend a college with access to both a variety of learning opportunities and prestige; such as MIT or Stanford. Though, more realistically, I think I will earn my undergraduate degree within Florida at UF or UCF, and then go out-of-state for postgraduate education. No matter what I pursue, I plan to minor in Spanish, as I have taken classes in this language for many years and understand the world of my future is a multilingual one.

After college, my plans are not quite as clear. I wish to have a life full of excitement and love. I hope I'll marry and have children, and teach them all of the things I learned as a Scout. I hope my children will be involved in the program. I plan to give back to others in need, as any Arrowman would.

When it comes to personal goals, I have many. I'm not sure why, but I want to learn how to tap dance (however silly that may be) and potentially, how to play the piano. I want to learn multiple

languages. I plan to travel the world and come to know the lives and cultures of others. Additionally, I want to learn how to fly planes, as before I was born, my father flew planes. It is impossible to convey in writing how joyful he is when he talks about his experiences doing so.

I want to see the world; from above in a plane and from below as a human being. I want to interact with people and places I've been lucky enough to be put on the same planet with. I want to know and understand things I can currently only guess at... I believe my Scouting career has set me up to do so and given me a way to make these hopes a reality.

Sincerely,

Harrison

Daniel
Troop 11
Daniel's Eagle Scout Essay

My name is Daniel Bledsoe. I have been involved in scouting since Webelos. My Dad has been around to show me the world since I was little. I was fishing at age three, introduced to firearms at age four and taught to work at age five and still don't know everything my Dad knows. Then in the fourth grade I was introduced into scouting, Cub scouting that is. A few years down the road I meet my first Scoutmaster from Troop 99, Mr. Dennis Godber, who took me in on the first meeting and helped me shape who I am today. Now about this time, I started the sixth grade and my math teacher asked after class if I was able to take another math class online. My parents talked for a little bit and said that I can do it if I want, but if I start, I would have to see it through. I accepted the challenge. That was the best choice I have ever made, and because of this, I and thirteen others, were able to start a grade level ahead of the rest of the school. My school year at Durant Senior High comes around and I start off with Algebra 2, a sophomore and junior class. I was also enrolled in ROTC. I showed leadership skills throughout the course and was fairly active in the Corps. Then after I completed my freshman year, I enrolled into Trigonometry, I was the only sophomore in the senior in the senior class. This was also the first year I took an AP class, AP World History. As a junior, I am taking AP U.S. History, Precalculus, and am an ROTC Flight Commander. I am very active in my church youth group, I have started going to Men's Bible Study every Friday, and am beginning the study of the book of John every Monday.

My plan for after graduation is fairly simple. During my Senior year I will be going to the Air Force recruiter and plan to go into Officer Training. While I am working as an officer, I will also be getting my Masters in Engineering. In my free time, though, I will partake in fishing and shooting sports.

My long term goals, I will either go and become an AFJROTC Instructor or work as a Sheriff in my local community. I may also go to a local Veterans Hospital to help other veterans cope with PTSD. And in my free time, I will be fishing a lot.

In the long run, I will definitely be involved with scouting. Boy Scouts made a big difference in my life and I want to share that with other young adventure seekers. But one thing I have always wanted to do is learn to fly. This year I did get the chance to be considered for flight school over summer break by the Air Force, but this year is also the year for the Boy Scout World Jamboree. I knew that I may never get another opportunity to go to another World Jamboree as a youth. So I decided to go to the World Jamboree and take the Flight School program next summer.

Joshua

Life purpose

Throughout my Boy Scout experience, I've had many chances to demonstrate my leadership skills. When I worked at Burger King, I was in charge of the kitchen during my shift. This meant I had to keep the kitchen running smoothly by managing other employees to ensure proper break rotation and make sure we didn't run out of any product. When I was in JROTC, I made the rank of E4 Petty officer third class. I was also a guide, meaning I lead everyone in marching.

My life's purpose is yet to be determined. I'm still at the beginning, still paving my way to greatness. However, I do have a life goal and that is to help other people whenever possible. After high school, hope to go into the medical field. Helping others get back to health and stay healthy would bring me great joy. If I have a boy of my own in the future I wouldn't think twice about becoming a Boy Scout leader to help him through his journey of life.

Justin

What is my life's purpose? To me, my life's purpose is to leave behind something to make the future generations better and to change the world. For instance, Henry Ford left behind the invention of the car. Now most of the world uses some sort of motor vehicle. Abraham Lincoln helped blacks become free in America, Martin Luther King Jr. helped make them equal. My goal is to leave behind something that will improve the current way of life.

In high school, some of my Academic goals are to take driver's education for either a semester or online. I would prefer to take it online though, so I can take more classes at once. I am also trying to end high school with a GPA of 3.8, and in order to do that I must get an A every semester until I'm done. To boost my GPA score, I am also planning to start AP courses in my sophomore year through senior. My goals for activities at Steinbrenner is the get leadership positions in both JROTC and marching band. For JROTC, I would like to become a Cadet first sergeant by my junior year, and in marching band I would like to be a Quartermaster my sophomore year and be drum major both my Junior and Senior year. I am also in photography club in which I would like to win at least two contests yearly. In my out of school activities, I am hoping to get an after-school and or weekend job, but I am not sure where yet. When it comes to driving, I hope to get my learning permit in my freshman year, and I hope to get my driver's license at the end of my sophomore year. In karate, I am trying to finish and earn my black belt before I am 18.

After graduation, I am looking at joining the military through either the Naval Academy or West Point so I can come out of the academy as an officer in the military, and have a bachelor's degree. After I decide to leave the military, I hope to go to college in search of a career. I am not sure what I will do yet. When I am in an academy, I will try to take up as many fun activities there are to offer like color guard, a military band, and more.

After schooling I will enlist into the military and after that, I will use the post 9/11 GI Bill provided by the military to go to a civil college and take up a different degree. Meanwhile, I will try to keep on finding different opportunities to continue my music career playing saxophone in a state wind band, or staying in a military band. I might even teach private lessons on the side.

Lastly, I am not sure if I want to have a family or not. When I am older, I might look into being an assistant ranger at a scout reserve to help younger scouts reach Eagle. I hope to serve the community through my church by helping around my area and visit many places on mission trips to help share my faith. Some of my other life goals are to walk across the whole United States, to visit every continent, and to become a pilot and fly a plane coast to a coast. That is my ambition statement.

Garrett

Garrett's Letter of Ambitions

My primary ambition in life is to become a successful aerospace engineer. I am intrigued by the continuing extraordinary improvements and overall development of this field, and hope to one day participate in the amazing discoveries which are being made at higher than ever rates. This profession would allow me to have an impact on the world's improvement through advancing technology. My purpose in life is to create something or do something that will help propel humanity forward.

I have held several leadership positions in the past, including multiple terms as a patrol leader, a term as the troop quartermaster, Student Council President in 5th grade concert master of the Wilson Symphony Orchestra, and as a volunteer at Davis Island Summer Learn to Sail camp. I am now volunteering as the pursuer of sea scout ship 210 at Davis Island Yacht Club, as well as being involved in the club 420 and Plant High School sailing programs at the same venue. I have received large numbers of principal's honor rolls, with a comparatively small number of standard honor rolls to supplement them. In addition to these awards I had the highest GPA in my 8th grade class at Wilson Middle School, as well as being named the best student in my robotics class. While I participated in robotics class, I participated in Science Olympiad twice in which I received three first place awards, one second, and two thirds. In addition, I completed a science fair project that was nominated to go to the county fair but was lost during the transference of school projects to county projects within the computer system. I also participated in the Model United Nations program at Wilson Middle School where I represented countries such as New Zealand, France, Burkina Faso, and Portugal on varying world issues from universal health concerns to restricting nuclear proliferation.

Spencer

Troop 4

Statement of Ambition and Life Purpose

Thus far in my life I have been able to occupy leadership positions and develop leadership skills in school, sailing and scouting. Amongst these positions was my status as the first chair cellist in my middle school orchestra. In that position I learned how to set a better example for others to follow, and to keep a progressing work ethic. During my time with that orchestra I earned a Master Musician award from Hillsborough Secondary Music Council, as well as two Superior level awards in Solo and Ensemble, from the same council. In my freshman year of high school, the Director for the middle school orchestra asked me to fill in for some students who couldn't make it to a concert, so that the orchestra could still perform, despite the fact that I had already graduated middle school. Last year I earned the first position in the cello section of the 9th grade orchestra, and earned a Superior with an ensemble I played with in Solo and Ensemble. This year I made the Philharmonic Orchestra that earned straight superior ratings at our Music Assessment Performance. Additionally, I am the only sophomore on the Varsity Sailing Team at Plant High School. Our team won first place in the SAISA division of US High School Sailing. Part of my role on the team is to sail with newer sailors to teach them skills and safety on water. I have completed a 40 hour course to become a Level 1 certified sailing coach and I have applied for a job as a sailing instructor this summer at the Davis Island Learn to Sail program. I have volunteered at the Davis Islands Youth Sailing Foundation's summer camp for four years, and currently am a member of the team there on the high school team. Two years ago I served for 50 service hours and last summer I served for 200. In this role I was expected to teach young sailors how to sail better or how to race sailing boats, in addition to providing assistance in lifting and moving boats. I have learned in Boy Scouts for each team, organization, and position.

Prior to becoming a Boy Scout, I was able to earn the Arrow of Light in Cub Scouts. In Troop 4, I was a patrol leader once, and I performed duties as an assistant senior patrol leader three times. Before that, I was the troop's bugler. I was voted to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, and completed the Ordeal. I have attended Woodruff Scout Reservation three times, and Camp Lanochee three times. I have also participated in a trek at Philmont Scout Ranch, and worked as the trek's Wilderness Guia. My Troop is planning another trek this summer. I am helping start a new Sea Scout Ship thru my youth sailing organization at Davis Island. We have a donated sailboat that I have helped clean up, and the Ship is beginning the process of organizing now. All of these positions and experiences have helped me develop leadership skills such as responsibility, setting an example, and helping others.

My future ambitions are to successfully graduate college with degree in marine architecture, and join a business where my skills as a boat designer will be challenged and need. Before I depart for college, I would like to take a gap year where I could spend time on a yacht as a crew member and help manage a large boat. Once I complete my degree in Marine Architecture, I will try to find a job in boat design where I can make a decent living and pay off any college debt. I also intend to keep up with outdoors activities such as sailing, backpacking and camping. I hope that I will be able to find time outside of a job to do these things, and if I start a family, involving them in scouting and outdoor pursuits would be important to me. In addition to this, I hope to be a responsible person who is self-sufficient, and lives by

the values set in the Scout Law and Oath. Then I will start saving money for retirement. After I retire I intend to live in the Northern forests by a lake and live the rest of my life there, where I can hunt and learn to be self-sufficient. I see my purpose in life as being to overcome challenges that face me, and become a better person for it.

Spencer

Lenzo

There are many goals that I wish to achieve in the short amount of time that I have to live on this planet. These goals are things that are important to me, so each day I try to get closer and closer to completing them. One of these important goals is to become a successful accountant so I can take over the family business. This is not a goal that I can complete in one day, this requires lots of training, learning, and countless hours of hard work.. I know this because I see both my father and my grandfather spend countless hours at their office to get work done every day. Although there isn't a merit badge directed toward accounting, Scouting has helped me develop some skills that I will need in order to one day achieve my goal. The first skill that I have learned that will help me reach my goal is a good work ethic. Ever since I crossed over the bridge and became a Scout I learned that nothing was just going to be handed to me. I had to work to earn everything or I got nothing at all. I had to work hard to complete all of the requirements or I wouldn't get the merit badge. I had to work hard and meet all the requirements then memorize them to move up each rank. Scouting has prepared me for what the real world will be like. In the real world nothing will be handed to you just because you ask for it, just like you can't just ask for a merit badge and receive it. You had to do the work if you wanted something. So now I know that if I want to become a successful accountant that I dream of becoming, I'm going to have to go to all my classes and complete all the assignments so I can become the man I want to be. The second goal I have in life is to be a family man. I want to have a deep and meaningful relationship with not only my wife, but also with my children. I want them to know that they can depend on me. I know that I can do this because of all the life skills I have learned in scouting. Scouting has taught me how to properly fix a car, to cook, first aid, and other countless skills that everyone should know how to do. If it weren't for Scouting I don't think I would've ever learned these important skills. If I never became a scout, I wouldn't know what to do if I got a flat tire or I got a serious bug bite. The last and most important thing that Scouting has taught me was how to have fun. When I am working as an adult, I don't want to be miserable and hate my life. I want to know how to find the fun in things even when I'm working on a tax return. Scouting took things that should be boring and made them fun experiences that I will never forget. Scouting took Personal Management (something I thought would bore me to death) and made it a fun experience that I wish I could experience over and over again. Scouting has been one of the best things that has happened to me. It has taught me valuable skills that I will use almost every day of my life. I am sad that my scouting journey is coming to an end but I will continue to live by the Scout Oath and Law and I look forward to carrying it on with my children. Although I am at the end of Scouting I will always be a Scout at heart. Ultimately, my scouting life coupled with being a part of some great outside organizations like the First Baptist Church of College Hill's Usher Board, being an active member of the Teens in Action Program, the African American Club at Jesuit High School, and being a football athlete, it has helped define me today. I am excited to become and Eagle Scout!

Lenzo

Trevor

My name is Trevor. I joined Cub Scouts when I was 7 years old after I saw scouts placing flags at a cemetery on the news. I was active in Cub Scouts until 5th grade when I crossed over to Boy Scouts at the age of 11. I joined Troop 8 in April 2012. While I was with Troop 8 I learned good leadership skills. In 2014 I left Troop 8 and joined Troop 40 and have stayed with them ever since, further improving my leadership skills. For my future after high school I plan on joining the Navy and becoming a corpsman, after I leave the Navy I plan on going into the medical field or going to college for 2 to 4 years.

Thank you,

Trevor

Conner

I have loved being a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout. My favorite things to do in Boy Scouts are going camping, working on merit badges, hikes in the woods, and rifle shooting. These things help me have great adventures. My favorite merit badges were Rifle Shooting, Weather, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Astronomy, Space Exploration, Railroading, Insect Study, and Robotics. Boy Scouts let me try new things and achieve new skills like rifle shooting at a target and riding a horse. Sometimes it takes me awhile to learn new things, and my balance can make it hard for me to do some high adventure courses. But at Scouts I've gotten to try and I'm always encouraged to do my best.

Working on merit badges has helped me think about careers. I have always loved roller coasters, reading books on outer space, and building with Legos, and K'nex. I'm in the Hospitality and Tourism magnet program at St Petersburg High. I want to be an Industrial Engineer so I can design roller coasters and other rides. Before that I plan to continue in scouting in the Venture Crew to work more on Science, Technology, Art, Engineering and Math (STEAM) courses.

My favorite leadership role in Scouts has been Chaplains Aid. I have served in this role three times. I am active in Youth Group at my church and I have been an acolyte for over three years. This has led me to be a Youth Leader for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida's New Beginnings program. As a freshman in high school, my first time as a Youth Leader was at a March retreat weekend for middle school students. I will get to do this again in September. I love sharing God's love with everyone. I'm currently working on the God and Life program with my Youth Director.

Alec

I am a senior at Sickles High School in Tampa Florida and I am a hardworking student who earns A's and B's in my classes. I am in the top 13% of my class with a 5.7 weighted GPA. My goal in high school is to stay focused my senior year and pass my classes with an A or B. I have taken AP classes the past 3 years and I am currently taking to this year Calculus AB and Physics C: Mechanics. I have chosen my AP classes to help and prepare me for college, to understand the content of a college course and the intensity of it, and to prepare me for the degree I would like to major in, which would be the engineering field. I have currently applied to University of South Florida and the University of Tampa, and I have been accepted to both universities. I am now applying for scholarships to help my parents with the expenses that come with college.

I have been on the Sickles swim team for 4 years of my high school career, and I was appointed captain of my senior year. I am a sprinter for the swim team and I have made it to regionals for a swim relay event. As a captain, I have had to plan out social events for the team, to get everyone together and have a good time, make connections with other swimmers, and to have a closer bond as a swim team. I have helped other swimmers with their technique and cheered them on at swimming events. I believe that the leadership skills I learned in scouting has helped me interact with others, no matter their grade, allowed me to teach them in an efficient way, using the EDGE method, and helped me be patient with others.

Outside of school, I do lift weights. Not only do I do it for swim, I also do it to better myself. To stay healthy, to help me with my confidence, and it's good for the body and mind. But after lifting for a few years, I realized I could make something out of it, I could do something with what I am passionate about. My goal is to take weight lifting bodybuilding seriously and to the next level. I want to compete in physique competitions, my goal is to continue and further expand my passion of weight lifting and to compete in physique competitions. I would also like to become a personal trainer perhaps, and I am taking a course in high school where I can become a certified personal trainer.

Upon graduating high school, I plan to attend the University of South Florida or the University of Tampa to further my education. Both schools have great engineering programs and I like both campuses. I want to get the best degree in education I can to have the most invest opportunities in the future and with possible future jobs. I plan to continue to be committed to a healthy lifestyle and prepare for my first competition.

After graduating college, I want to get a job in either the mechanical engineering field or the cyber security field. I want to be happy and successful in my life and meet new people and Inspire others with my story.

Robert

Statement of Ambitions

My name is Robert, I'm a life Scout in Troop 339 currently applying for the rank of Eagle Scout. I started as a tiger cub and went all the way through Cub Scouts to earn my Arrow of Light. After becoming a Boy Scout, I served in a variety of positions including Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and Den Chief. I have attended NYLT, the 2017 National Jamboree and backpacked for a week on the Appalachian Trail. I am a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and have assisted in an IOLS course as a junior staff member.

I am home-schooled and in the 10th grade. We are also a part of the Grace Family Homeschool Group where I am a member of the chess team. I am a member of Keystone Community Church. I also volunteer yearly at the Metropolitan Ministries Thanksgiving food drive and the Salvation Army at Christmas. Starting next year, I will be dual enrolled at a community college. Before the end of the year I would also like to learn to drive and get a job. I will stay involved in scouting and become more active in the OA.

After graduation I will stay in college for another two years at least. I would like to take courses in welding or metal work in general. While in college I want to start making metal projects. I will also stay as active as possible as an adult leader in my troop.

After college I want to get a job in welding or metal repair. I also want to learn to make decorative metal pieces. I would like to visit Japan and the UK. I want to get married have children and own a house. I will also remain active in Scouts to help my children and others to get to Eagle, and find the things that they enjoy doing.

Zachary

Life's Ambition and Purpose

I plan to attend college and get an Engineering degree. I would like to attend a Service Academy or a public University. I am very involved in football, and if possible, I hope to play football at the Air Force Academy or receive a scholarship to play at the Florida State or Texas A&M University. Following college, I would like to serve in the Air Force as a pilot or as a Combat Control Officer in Special Operations.

I want to have a family and be a contributing member of society. I am a Christian, and want to bring my family to church and have them accept Christ as their Savior. I want to be a Godly, Christian man and an example to children and others. I also want to continue a meaningful family tradition my parents started with my sister and I. My parents wanted to make sure we visited national parks, historical landmarks, battle fields, factories and unique attractions at each of the 50 states. So far, my family has visited 42 of them and plan to finish before I graduate in 2021. We've learned so much and have had a blast tackling 3-4 states a summer the past 10 years.

I am very active in academics and sports at my school. In my academic career, I've earned Principal's and High Honor Roll every quarter. I also took 4 Honors classes as a freshman and will be taking 2 AP and 3 Honors courses as a sophomore. I've been inducted into Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society, and an active member of Future Farmers of America (FFA). I have shown my Holland Lop rabbit named Ginger at the county and state fairs this past two years.

In my sports career, I have played football the past two years at Newsome High School. This year, I was one of 10 sophomores chosen to practice with the varsity team. Since I've been practicing with varsity, I've had the opportunity to be a leader to the junior varsity players which is something I've really enjoyed. I consider it a great honor to show them how to be a team player.

I have received some major accolades and college scholarships the past couple of years as a result of my passion for football and my academic ability. These include being named to the FYD Tampa region All-American Scholar Team, which resulted in a \$1,000 scholarship, and the Southeast Region All-American Scholar Athlete Team, which earned me an additional \$500. Additionally, I was invited to attend the National Pop Warner All-Academic Banquet in Philadelphia in 2017 where I received the highest honor of being named the top All-American Scholar Athlete for 8th grade boys. The \$5,000 scholarship I received there was funded and sponsored by Rush Limbaugh.

During my Scouting career, I have gained many leadership skills through my experiences as ASPL, during my Ordeal at Order of the Arrow, while being a crew leader at Seabase, and most recently by attending Scouts National Youth Leadership Training camp. My experience at Philmont also helped me to push my limits and persevere through adversity. All of these skills I gained helped me complete my Eagle Project.

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout is something I've been looking forward to ever since I became a Tiger Scout back in 2009, and it is an honor I will hold dear to my heart for the rest of my life. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Zachary, Life Scout, Troop 610

Andrew

Letter of Ambition

One of the most important things to developing a productive lifestyle is Academics. School is the building block of a productive life. It has always been a conviction of mine to strive for greatness, which details doing well in school. Currently my unweighted GPA is 3.4, however, I want to reach the highest possible GPA that I can achieve. This year, my junior year, I have received straight A's. I have learned a lot this year, I have seen what I am capable of when I do my best, and I strive next year, to take as many honors classes as I can. All staff that I have spoken to, have encouraged this goal, pushing me towards excellence. Outside of school, I am an active member of my local church, and put my best foot forward in my schools JRTOC.

After graduation, I plan to continue my education elsewhere. I have decided to continue my education because I believe that it will open more opportunities for myself later in life and provide a stable and well-paying job. I am planning to attend a university in Florida, preferably USF. Currently, I am in a period of decision, and have not yet decided what I wish to study in college. Whatever I choose to do, I plan to go to college for 4 years or more. I also plan on utilizing my Florida Pre-paid college fund, as well as a bright futures scholarship, and any other scholarships that I might qualify for.

After I have completed my education, I of course will seek a well-paying job that I hopefully enjoy doing. As I said earlier, I have not yet decided what career I will choose, I am somewhat interested in law. Later down the line, I would hope to find and marry someone that I love, and raise children of my own. I will strive to be in physical condition for the foreseeable future as well. I also wish to raise my children in a manner under God.

In my later years, it will always be one of my top priorities to maintain a healthy relationship with my family. I will most likely be involved as a scout until I am an adult, in which case I will depart from scouting as a whole. Depending on if I have kids or not, I will encourage them to also become scouts as I have, and as my father encouraged me to do. Scouting has taught me several things that I see useful for my later life, such as perseverance. Life holds many obstacles in store for those who seek success, but scouting has taught me that when the going gets tough, to be thoroughly prepared for what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Andrew

Ben

My Ambitions and Life Purpose Statement

I have been doing Scouts for a very long time, since first grade in fact. Scouting runs in our family my dad did it so did my uncle Marc. I started with my Bobcat badge and went from there to Wolf, Bear, Weblo, etc. I then transferred over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts with a majority of my Den. Over time in my Scouting career I saw the older kids in our troop and looked up to them as that's what I want to be in Scouting. As time went on and I went from rank to rank more friends joined and more left. Soon enough those very kids I looked up to began to graduate and move on to a new stage in their lives. I now find myself in the shoes of them being the older scout that the new scouts look up to. I have made meaningful friends that have been with me since the beginning.

I held multiple positions in our troop, I was Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. But here was one of those not listed that stuck with me as was my favorite, Den Chief. Den Chief was my favorite role I held in my troop because I got to help my brother's patrol all the way from Tiger to Weblo, making good friends out of that den and then, and still being in this troop to this day. Being able to work with them was definitely my favorite part of Scouts.

As my career in scouting is ending, another chapter in my life is ending too. I'm a sophomore in high school meaning that I only have two years left of it. I have so much of life yet to discover yet. But when I put thought into it, I don't really know what I want to do with it. I'm sure I'll end up in college because just everyone goes to college that's just how it is. I have gotten certifications in Microsoft Office Bundle 2016 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), and Adobe Photoshop 2015. I'm also learning how to code in html (code used for websites).

In the end of the day I think I want to do something either involving Excel or Photoshop because I really enjoy working in those programs. Graphic design really interests me using photoshop. I have a love for video games just like most kids my age and could see myself doing something in that field. A major in graphic design at USF is what I would choose. After college I want to go to Cuba, I've always wanted to go there and something about it is just so great like the food and the culture. After that I would like to settle down with a family in Colorado.

In the long run my days of scouting are about over as I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I will never lose sight of scouting in my life and still live by the law like I do now. Scouting has impacted my life so much and I'm very sad to have to let it go. I don't want that much out of life I don't want to be a celebrity or anything big like that. I want a simple life where I can give back to the work as it gave to me.

Adam

Statement of Life

Throughout the years I have grown, learned, and succeeded. These three accomplishments I owe to the time I put into scouting. My number one goal when I joined was to receive as many merit badges as fast as I could (well you can say I certainly did the best I could by receiving 53 merit badges) but as time went on I understood scouting is not about earning these badges or even in becoming the highest rank you possibly can, it is simply about leadership. I have learned leadership is the key to success, though I am a scout I also play baseball, played in my school band, and receive high marks in my classes. In each of my activities they all require leadership in order to run smoothly, due to the lessons scouting has taught me I would like to think I was a leader in some of those activities if not all.

I have received quite the amount of achievements in scouts and my other activities including trophies, excellence awards, and honor awards and scouting ties into each activity so I believe my success in scouting truly improved my life. Over the last 8 years I had a blast at troop outings such as summer camp and camping trips, but nothing is more rewarding than teaching a younger scout something I know they will carry with them the rest of their life.

After earning my Eagle Scout, I want to further my education at the University of South Florida. At this school I will study business management where the end goal is to buy my own restaurant. With the skill scouts has given me I always able to create my future and guide others along the way. I am proud to say I am a Boy Scout and no matter what the challenge is thrown my way I can conquer it with my scouting skills. Scouting has improved my life and I will stay involved as an adult leader and continue to teach the youth of my troop.

Aaron

Eagle Scout Statement of Life Purpose

My life purpose is to honor God in all that I do, and to live by His Word. I will do this through faith, skills, and passions. The leadership skills, experiences, and lessons I learned through scouting will surely help me accomplish this purpose.

After I finish High School, I plan to teach part time, while going to college for music education. I have been playing guitar and singing for over six years. During the past year I have been teaching a guitar class at Lighthouse Christian Homeschool Academy (LCHA) Co-Op. I have sung and performed musically at different venues, such as, Largo Botanical Gardens and Chasco Fiesta. I have played in multiple bands and through my involvement in them, I was able to learn musically and use the scouting skills to properly lead band members and engage others in worship.

My ambition is to go to college and earn a music degree. My goal is to lead a band at a church and to lead people in worship. I have been playing guitar in Calvary Church Student Ministries for over three years now and have been one of their assistant Middle School Ministry teachers for the past two years. I have been helping in Calvary's Preschool since the age of nine. I have been volunteering and helping an organization called Hope For the Children Ministries (HFTCM) for the past two years. I have spoken into student's lives, made new friendships, and lead worship there. Ultimately, I would like to lead and travel in a worship band which is attached to a stationary church. Scouting has taught me how to lead and to serve others.

Jacob

As a Boy Scout I have learned that being ambitious and hardworking will help me succeed the most throughout life. One of my greatest ambitions is to become very experienced in the field of cybersecurity and to be able to contribute to keeping our country and the world a safe place. I aim to work for the government one day, which I would consider the apex of my career and an honor to protect our country from malicious cyber attacks. I am eagerly looking forward to going to college to learn and study this work and hope to earn a master's degree. Another ambition of mine is to go out and experience new cultures around the world. I'd like to do this because I have taken Spanish class for many years in high school and it has piqued my interest in other cultures. I love to travel and the experience of learning about other people's history and their lifestyle is amazing.

My life purpose I feel is to give back wherever I can in the world. I have been very blessed and fortunate growing up and as I have gotten more mature and older, I realized how much joy it brings me to bring joy to others. A great example is when I would go to the church in the morning on Sunday and help cook breakfast that we'd then pass out to the homeless. While I had to get up early on the weekend and crack 70 or more eggs to cook, I realized I didn't actually mind doing it because of how much I enjoyed going around town to hand out breakfast meals. It made me think about how something as simple as a warm breakfast meal, which I would wake up and enjoy every day, is actually a blessing to have. It made me feel like I was doing my part in this world and brought me joy to help those that aren't as fortunate to have a simple meal every day. And while in the future it might not be as simple as bringing people breakfast, I feel like I am here to help anyone I can in any way, no matter how small or big.

Positions I have held:

- Student Council homeroom representative at school
- Squad leader in marching band
- Section leader of the sousaphones in marching band

Nathan

Eagle Ambition Letter

I have done many things from soccer to baseball (most of the time) to even racing a bmx bike around a track at Lake Park. Some of my main hobbies that I like to do are drive RC cards (radio control) and go mountain biking at scout camps and state parks. Whenever my family or friends bike breaks I try to see what I need to do in order to fix it or make it rideable again if they can't afford to buy or pay for the new part. Through school I want to join the running club as when I was in 3rd grade I ran 36 miles over the course of 6 weeks.

Later on I hope to fit in time for sports and a job at the bike shop. Later I also hope to go on more high adventure camps as well as hiking 50 to 60 miles on the Appalachian Trail. For my first truck I will try to get a Toyota Tacoma or a Chevy Colorado.

In 30 years I plan on trying to be a pro downhill mountain biker as well as helping scouting by cooking food at summer and weekend camps. I would want to go to Brazil and Honduras to get snorkel certified like my parents did.

Joseph

Statement of Life's Purpose and Ambition

My name is J.D and I am a member of Troop 53. I attend H.B. Plant High School where I am a sophomore; I was formerly a student in the Robinson High School IB program. I have enjoyed scouts and have held several leadership positions including Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. I am also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

This summer I plan to go with my troop to Philmont. I anticipate that it will be one of my best scouting experiences as I have heard many great things about it. I am preparing for the trip by conditioning with my troop weekly. I have hiked the Appalachian Trail three times. I have earned the 50 miler award several times.

After high school, I plan on studying psychology and medicine as both areas interest me. I have been to Seattle, Washington multiple times and have visited the University of Washington. I enjoy the Pacific Northwest very much and would like to spend my college years there. I plan to travel to Europe this summer with my AP Art History class and I look forward to all that I will learn and experience there.

If I were to earn the rank of Eagle, I would like to return to the troop and assist in leadership. I have met some of my closest friends through scouts and am thankful for the things I have learned like my backpacking and camping skills.

Andrew

Life Purpose

After many years of hard work in high school, I will be only four classes away from completing my Associate in Arts Degree at St. Petersburg College. After I complete those classes, I will enroll in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies degree program at St. Petersburg College. Once I complete that degree, I plan on going to Stetson University College of Law where I plan on getting my Juris Doctor degree. Prior to going to Stetson, I plan on joining the Air Force as an officer, so I will eventually be able to become a Judge Advocate in the JAG Corps. All of the skill I have learned in Scouting will aid me in achieving these goals.

List of awards:

- Certificate of Merit – 7th Grade
- President's Education Awards Program – 2014
- Certificate of Excellence – 2013/2014 Academic Year
- Principal's List and Honor Roll – All years (6th-12th Grade)
- Admitted to Early Admissions at St. Petersburg College (SPC)
- Outstanding Student in Social and Behavioral Science at SPC
- Admitted into Florida's Talented Twenty Program
- Received special invitation to the Nineteenth Annual Student Awards Ceremony at St. Petersburg College
- Received special invitation to the Awards Ceremony for Osceola Fundamental High School

Caleb

I was first introduced to scouts when scouts from Pack 182 came to my elementary to recruit students to join their pack. When I went to my first meeting, I saw some of my friends from school that had become interested as well. We sat in our Tiger den and I remember having a great time. I crossed over to Scouts with some of my Scout friends into a troop we had visited before making our decision on what Troop to join. While I continued my scouting career I was involved in a little league football team where we went 6 -4 and just missed the playoffs.

I used my skills and experience that I have gained through scouts as much as possible. When I came across obstacles in my life I try to use my problem solving skills that I have learned when I was SPL to overcome them. As a Boy Scout, my first summer camp, I took the personal fitness merrit badge which has interested me in personal health and going to college to become a personal trainers so I would be able to help other people with their personal health. Holding the position of SPL has taught me how to be a leader and what it takes to be a leader. As I have held SPL position for 3 and a half years in my troop.

Through scouting I have learned leadership skills which I can apply to many different aspects of my life currently and in the future. I plan to continue my involvement in sports to my high school team where I can apply my skills. In my career I would use leadership skills to motivate my clients and helping them improve their personal health and to continue their training. Scouting has taught me many valuable lessons and sharpened my leadership qualities through guiding at the entire Troop. While planning the weekly meetings and making sure things run smoothly during camping trips I have learned many things and how to best lead people.

Peter

Life Purpose and Ambitions Statement

Prior to my birth, my parents lost custody of both my two older sisters for many reasons and received charges. They were also deemed unsafe parents and not allowed to have another kid but had another child, which was me. At the age of 1 year old, I was taken away from my parents and into the custody of the Department of Child Services. This led to being placed in many foster homes. My first words were Spanish, taught to me by a foster parent. I was later adopted by the people who adopted my siblings to keep us together, who I refer to as my parents. They also had 2 biological children who were over 10 years older than us. They received many threats from my psychotic birth parents and decided to pack everything, and leave to move to Florida. My dad gave up a career in which was 1 year off of pension, sold their extravagant house, and moved away from family and friends. Once they moved to Florida my dad found jobs at car dealerships, but after many years of brute force on his body, he was deemed disabled after many surgeries. My mom is unemployed and has to watch my disabled uncle. My family gave up everything to adopt my sisters and me. Neither of my parents attended post-secondary institutions and neither have any of my 4 siblings. I will be the first of my family to attend college. Throughout high school, we struggled financially and that required me to mature faster than other people. Realizing that, I decided to get a job to support my family by providing mostly for myself. Since my parents never went to college, they realized that an education is really important, and that I should invest my time and money into one. They put emphasis on the idea of school being the most important thing for me to focus on, and they kept me to this high standard. Due to this experience I realized that I have to be a leader, self motivated, and determined to succeed.

My scouting career all began when I started in Cub Scouts at the age of 7 years old. In Cub Scouts I began as a Wolf and made my way up through the ranks of Bears, Webelos 1, and 2. I worked hard and earned the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light, which then followed me into my long Boy Scouting career. The transition was very great, going from parent and leader ran to being led by the Scouts. I have earned over 31 merit badges, my totin' chit, and fireman's chit.

In Scouting I have had many great memories camping, getting soaked in the rain for weekends and entire summer camps, to the extreme heats and freezing nights, but the suck was what made it worth while. I have learned many life skills including: cooking, performing First Aid, knot tying, navigation, how to use a gun, knife, and axe, and fire building. The most important thing Scouting taught me from an early age is leadership and how to be a good leader. Which is why one of the best memories in Scouting was being elected by my peers as Camp Senior Patrol leader for my last summer camp ever which made me feel very accomplished with my Scouting career. Over 11 years later, Scouting has made me the leader I am today and has made me become a role model to my peers and has guided me down the path to become an officer in the military.

In High school I am taking the most rigorous courses. They are all challenging however, I enrolled in AP Calculus AB to help prepare me for an engineering degree in college. I am also very involved in clubs, sports, and program. I have competed on the Varsity Cross Country Team, Varsity Track and Field Team, JFOTC Raider Team, and the JROTC Drill team. In JROTC I have held the position of Squad leader – in charge of 6 cadets, the S4A – I assisted the S4, who was responsible for all

inventory in JROTC, and Company commander responsible for 35 cadets. I was involved in many clubs including: Alpha Sigma Omega Senior Board Member, Teen Trendsetters, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Student Congress District Representative, Student Government Vice President, School Advisory Committee Representative, and National Honor Society. I was named student of the month and achieved honor roll every year. I also landed a part time job at a Twistee Treat and achieved raise after working there for only 6 months! In JROTC I was awarded the Military officers of America Award for demonstrating exemplary leadership demonstrated in the JROTC program, along with many other awards for my leadership skills. I have taken 11 honors courses and 3 Advanced Placement courses throughout high school. I am currently enrolled in AP Calculus AB online, AP Literature, American Government Honors, Leadership skills and development, LET 4 JROTC, On the Job Training, and online courses throughout the year. I am currently maintaining a 4.42 GPA, on that I have worked very hard to achieve!

After High School I have very big goals set out for myself to pursue, I plan on attending a 4-year University in Florida, preferably, the University of Central Florida. To fund for my education I hope to use my FAFSA, Bright Futures Scholarship, Withlacoochee Scholarship, and the Army ROTC Scholarship. While I'm at the university I plan on Majoring in a mechanical engineer degree. At the university I will take ROTC to become an officer. I will also be competing in Track and Field, as well as, Cross country. I will have a part time job to have additional money to have while I'm in college. After that I plan on commissioning as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers. After 4 years of service in the Army I will be going back to college to get a Master Degree with the funding paid for by the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill. Then I will go back into the army as an officer and retire after 20 years of service. Finally I will find another job as a mechanical engineer in the private sector. While I am in the military I want to not only serve my country but also society by volunteering in the community. While I am an officer I plan on having a nice house, living wealthy, have a wife and kids, a couple German Shepherd dogs, attend church regularly, settling down in Florida and eventually be a Scout Master and have my kids in Boy Scouts.

Bradley

Ever since I started scouting as a cub scout, I have always strived for eagle. I would always participate in any badge classes and any campouts. I loved to be outdoors and learn what it means to be a Boy Scout. This same ambition has been with me throughout Middle School and will remain with me as I start high school. I am attending Hillsborough High School and I am part of the International Baccalaureate magnet program. As I have progressed through scouting and my academics, I have decided that I want to pursue a career in the scientific field. I have found through scouting, I enjoy seeing how things work and figuring that out. I have always tried to learn.

In scouting, I have acted as a bugler for the troop and an Assistant Patrol leader. I someday hope that I might be elected as a Senior Patrol Leader. I also play lacrosse, and, on that team, I was a captain that helped lead the team I also was a part of my middle schools' Care Council. On this council, I was able to talk to troubled students, so they could be more comfortable talking to somebody their age.

Finally, I was recently chosen to go on a service troop to Costa Rica. I was chosen through a lengthy interview process to go on the trip. We helped to rebuild schools and help in a small community there. This is one of my greatest accomplishments. I showed that I am a good representative of our community and our country to go and help in a foreign area.

Throughout my scouting experience, I have found that I have always shown the traits of a good leader. At camp outs I would always help to plan meals and help everyone stay organized and focused. And in school, I was part of sports teams and staying on top of my work. I have always wanted to help where ever I can. I have always aspired to help lead and be a role model for my peers and my community.

Wil

Life Ambition Statement

My name is Wil and I am writing this Ambition statement to inform the council and board of review members of what my goals are and what I plan to do with the my life in the coming years. The first thing I want to point out is that plans change. I don't like to plan everything out to the minute. While I like having a general idea of where I'm going in life, knowing exactly what I'm going to be doing is bland. It means no surprises and only uniformed choices that I planned in advance. Knowing exactly what's coming may be reassuring, but it is boring in that you can expect everything and removes some of the creativity of building your own path and deciding things for yourself. Plans change constantly, and so the ideas I have for my future and the possible plans I have set may not happen. I may decide on a different path or make different decisions. While there are some things I hope will stay the same as I grow in to adulthood, there will definitely be unexpected changes, but I know I can handle them.

I started scouting as a cub, and from there rose up in the ranks of scouting, eventually earning my Arrow of Light. From there I transitioned into boy scouts and had a great time learning new things about camping and outdoor skills. The accomplishment of earning merit badges was a great one, I enjoyed learning about new topics and being rewarded for doing so. At that point in scouting I wasn't sure what my ultimate goal was. I went through middle school with not a lot happening. I took an interest in electronics, computers, saxophone, and track and field. Going into high school I continued to enjoy electronics and track but no longer an interest in band. High school has been fun. I've enjoyed it and had a great time growing up. I met an amazing girl and can still happily call her my girlfriend to this day. I've also joined several of clubs, the most prominent of which being key Club which is under the Kiwanis Foundation. I have the officer position of Editor in my schools key club and enjoy it a lot. At school for the past few years of my education I have been taking several high level AP college courses and doing consistently well in them and on the exams. I have also participated in several speech writing competitions at my school (East Bay High). I have had 2 official jobs during my high school years, although I have several unofficial jobs before them to make extra spending money (mowing lawns and pulling vines off of trees, etc.). I used to work as a bus boy at a local pizza place known as Alpha House and now I currently work at my local Publix super market as a bagger (hopefully soon to be cashier). All this time growing up and going to school I continued to collect merit badges, gain ranks, and attend many summer camps which I thoroughly enjoyed. Now it is the present day and I have almost completed my realized ultimate goal of Eagle Scout. My current future plans consist of signing for the air force sometime soon after my 18th birthday. I plan on using my eagle scout, my 2 years on JROTC, any score of 86 on the ASVAB to get a good job, preferably in Intel, communication, or electronics. I will sign for 4 years and then see how it all goes from there, although I expect great opportunities. I also plan on graduating high school and overall enjoying what's left of my senior year. I plan on keeping a long distance relationship with my girlfriend while deploying to other countries that I would like to see (Germany, Japan, etc.). I will use everything scouting has taught me throughout my life to achieve great heights and stay faithful to God while I do so.

Sincerely, Wil

Matt – Letter of Ambition

I was accepted to Middleton High School's magnet program for engineering. I applied to the school so I can prepare for the engineering program in college. I would like to work as an Automotive Engineer for a career. So far this year, I have made the honor roll. I am taking all honors classes and one AP class. I also joined a club called Electrathon, where we build an electric car and race it against other High Schools.

I plan to go to college after High School, and apply for a job to pay the bills. The college I want to attend is USF, because it has a good engineering program. In USF, I want to join their Ice Bulls Hockey Club and Electrathon. I plan to just receive a bachelor's degree, but if I have the time and money, will try to earn a master's.

I want to be an Automotive Engineer and combine my skill with other Automotive and Aeronautical Engineers to construct a flying car. On my off time, I might play rec league hockey or Minecraft. I hope that I will have a wife and kid.

Family, Church, and school have been an important part of my life. I have done many things with Family of Christ Lutheran Church, including, helping with homeless feedings, being confirmed after 3 years of classes, and the Christmas program. In school I have achieved honor roll and principal honor roll. In Boy Scouts, I have earned the Arrow of Light. I have had the leadership positions of Librarian, Patrol Leader, and Instructor. Besides building a flying car, I would like to travel the world.

Stephen

Statement of Ambitions

The many clubs and associations I am a part of, such as the Technology Student Association (TSA), the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), have helped create my background in leadership and technology. During my six years as a Boy Scout, I progressed through the ranks. Those experiences, as well as my first three years in high school, helped me learn how to communicate and lead others. The more people I interacted with, helped me to realize what it will mean to be an Engineer and how valuable the skills I have learned will be in the real world. I began with one certification, Introduction to Leadership Skills in the Troop, then continued my forward progression until now, where I hold a total of twelve certifications between scouting and school, One of those certifications is being a Certified Core Engineer in the state of Florida. As I came later to earn a Professional certification, which equated to 500+ hours of real work experience with the program, I continued to lead my fellow students, I offered help, I offered fellowship, and I offered guidance. I served as my troop SPL for two continuous years, forgoing the troop into what it is now; I have lead my TSA chapter for two continuous years. Molding it into the success it is now, and I do not plan on stepping away from leadership rolls any time soon.

Now leading means so much more, completing my Eagle Scout Project gave me experience working with students outside of scouting, and enable me to create something that seemed to some like a science fiction movie plot. Finishing my project helped me realize that, as college approached, how much leadership skills are truly important. Now, being elected as the 2018-2019 State TSA Reporter, I can see the direction I want to move in life. Now, as I approach my senior year at Middleton High School, I see how much work I need to do, and just how fulfilling it will be to accomplish it all.

Brian

Ambition Statement

I have held numerous leadership positions and earned many accomplishments since beginning Boy Scouts. Scouting has helped me with those positions because of the leadership opportunities and merit badges it offers, specifically, the personal management merit badge and being the ASPL. Other positions I have held throughout my Boy Scout endeavor have been Patrol leader, Quartermaster, and Leave no Trace lead. I have over 177 hours from volunteering at ECHO and attending Eagle Scout projects throughout the years.

This school year I am participating in student government, national honor society at Bloomindale High School. I was elected as the senior class treasurer by my peers and I have been in Sophomore and Junior Steering. Other clubs I was a member of was Best Buddies and The Robotics club. Another accomplishment at school is winning the district title with the soccer team. In my spare time I coach a U-10 competitive girls soccer team.

I plan on majoring in civil engineering at either USF or UCF after high school. Once I earn my bachelor's degree, I plan on attending Auburn for graduate studies in engineering. I plan to apply for multiple internships during my studies.

While in scouting I have learned numerous ways to communicate and explain, one of which is the EDGE method. During my eagle project I used the EDGE method to clearly define my project goals. I have been trying my best to incorporate the scout oath and law into my everyday life and I plan on doing that after I earn eagle.

James

Letter of Ambition and Intent

Dear Board of Review:

My name is James Griffin, I am a senior in high school at Sebring High graduating in May. In my early high school years, I have also been involved in band, weightlifting, 4H and FFA, participating in the Junior Livestock show. I work part time as ranch hand and extern for my father's Flooring business. I earned my FFA Chapter and State Degree, AG tech certification, and my NCCER certificate. Above all I have coveted my involvement with scouting, which has given me the courage, knowledge, and skill to pursue the other activities.

This past year in November, I enlisted in the Army National Guard. Following graduation, I will go to basic training and then schooling. My plan is to enter college for spring 2019 term, pursuing a degree in Engineering. I have been accepted to Florida Southern College for a pre-engineering track continuing to Washington University for a master's degree, this will be in conjunction with ROTC program as well. My MOS will be as a Blackhawk mechanic while in college. I chose the National Guard to be able to serve my country honorably and still pursue an education and maintain a family life.

I will continue my enlistment in the Army National guard, after obtaining my degree, servicing my country as I begin my career path in the field of engineering. I have considered the option of other schools of training within the National Guard, perhaps even becoming a pilot. First, I need to be grounded in starting my military career and my matriculation into college. I am certain I have many opportunities presented to me through my military service and I am looking forward to beginning a new future. By age 37 I plan to be retired from the military and working successfully in the capacity of an engineer. I may also return to my fathers' business working as a contractor, while I know I will always have a home. I have learned a great amount from scouting that I know will stay with me for life. I plan to be a man of conviction living the core values taught in scouting focusing my life on family, community, my faith and service to God and my country. I sincerely hope that I can continue my involvement with scouting and that I can share scouting with my children. I can't wait for what my future holds, and I have learned through my faith that keeping focused on God's plan will land you exactly where you need to be. I am dedicated to my country and my family, and I am honored to be giving my life to service. My scouting life as taught me there are many avenues in life, and it is up to us to choose the journey guided by faith.

Thank you for the opportunity in scouting and allowing me to be an Eagle Scout candidate.

Sincerely,

James

Emilio

Letter of Ambition

As I look upon my path through the Boy Scouts, it shows me how much the Boy Scouts intertwine in most of my life, my school, and my job. As I progressed on and realize to appreciate the skills and experiences Boy Scouts has helped me experience and be a part of. As I moved through the ranks, understanding each of the requirements and goals to complete it; gave me a clear vision of the way life builds upon itself and unfolds as you progress. My travel down the scouting path helped me build the skills that are needed in life, and how I can apply then through my life.

Now that I am approaching the rank of Eagle and I have completed my project I have an even greater respect and understanding for the whole picture. When I chose my Eagle Scout project, it was because I personally saw a great need. It is a topic that was close to my heart, due to the fact that when I was in 9th grade I took a trip to Washington DC. There I saw a completely different way of life, and I saw the great need of the less fortunate. Throughout that trip my heart spoke to me and showed me the extent of their need.

Upon returning home I know that my goal for my Eagle Scout project would be to help the less fortunate. I decided upon compiling backpacks for the homeless. A solution that would give them tools and supplies for good hygiene as well as a way for them to carry their belongings. I located a local group that was already doing outreach work and who were also welcoming of the contribution of my Eagle Scout project. I also soon realized another need. While visiting and interviewing the project beneficiary we spoke of my schooling and my goals to be a Master Barber. He was impressed by this and shared that one of their biggest needs was haircuts for the homeless. Many of these men and women had the desire to return to jobs and overcome their current situations of living in shelters or are on the streets. Based upon this, I have made arrangements to return to this group and other community outreaches to offer complimentary haircuts for the homeless people.

Now that I close this chapter in life and have completed my Eagle Scout project I move on to a new phase. I have made new goals and dreams and have started on the path to accomplish these. I have completed over half of my barber schooling, and am working towards becoming a Master Barber. The opportunity this career offers excites me. As I follow these goals I plan to expand my career by participating in many competitions and Hair Design show. My eventual goal upon becoming a Master Barber, would be to open my own Barber Shop. As a business owner, I would be renting booths to others and managing the operations.

There are countless moments when I think on some of the situations where my small choices, acts, or decision are an act of leadership. As I have worked to complete my Eagle Scot project, my heart and eyes have been opened up to greater need and opportunities to give back to the community. For now my goals and ambitions are to continue to focus on my schooling, to graduate high school, and to receive my Master Barbers certification from the State of Florida. Throughout my future I will apply all of the lessons and skills that I have learned through scouting to complete all of my goals and dreams.

Baron

Statement of Life Ambitions

After graduating from H. B. Plant High School I plan to go to Hillsborough Community College (HCC) for 2 years before transferring to the University of South Florida (USF) to get a degree in business or economics. After continuing my education, I will join the Navy as an officer. The skills that I have learned in my years as a Boy Scout such as leadership, time management, knots, cooking, first aid, and teamwork will help me in my career.

Also I have been on 4 mission trips with my church (Palma Ceia United Methodist Church) 3 of which were out of the country (Costa Rica twice and Haiti once). Helping those less fortunate than me was an eye opener to understand what we as Americans take for granted. I also have volunteered countless hours to my community whether it's helping out at Metropolitan Ministries or cleaning up trash along the bay. I also help out with the special needs group at my church called Engage.

Caleb

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Caleb, I am a senior at Pasco High School. I live with my Mom and Dad, and the youngest out of 3 boys. I have been in the position of senior patrol leader for about a year now. I will be there to help out anyone in need.

I want to become a Veterinarian and help as many animals as I can. I have been taking Vet Tech in my high school for the last 4 years. Right now I have been getting the remainder of my hours for my certification of Vet Assistant., I have been volunteering my hours at the Dade city Animal Clinic one day a week. I am also volunteering/Working for a reptile breeder a couple times per week. In the future I want to go back to scouting and make as many eagle scouts as I can because I have been taught by a great leader in the scouting program and want to contribute back to the organization.

I have a Heroism Award from the National Boy Scouts Court of Honor for saving a cousins life in a pool. He fell off a raft and I went down and lifted him up. I don't believe I am a Hero, I do believe in doing just what I had to do with saving a child.

I also have the God and Country award, to better understand The basics on religion.

Caleb

Ethan

My name is Ethan. I am 14 years old and I'm writing this letter to fulfill a portion of my requirements for Eagle Scout. My Scout career began as a Tiger Cub. With the initial earning of my Tiger badge, I asked my dad if I could then turn Eagle! He laughed and revealed, "No, you've got a long way to go, but that doesn't mean you can't do it." I set my sights on the rank, slowly navigating my way through Wolf, Bear and Webelos advancements, earning all 20 Webelos activity pins, culminating with the Arrow of Light.

Once I stepped on the Boy Scout trail, I began my final ascent to the rank of Eagle Scout. My reasons for earning this particular rank are many. I must confess that while I wanted the experiences and training, I had other more personal motivation. My Dad and both of my Uncles are Eagle Scouts and I think my time for Eagle is now. I adopted the mindset that if I achieved the rank at this age, I can be more of a help to my family, troop, and community.

As stated previously, I am only 14 years old which is fairly young for an eagle scout. Some of the questions I know I will face are, "Is he mature enough?", "Isn't he still learning leadership skills?", and "Does he have the experience?"

As far as maturity goes, I have lived through an experience several events such as my Dad's multiple hospitalizations due to his unstable diabetes and then almost dying as well as the turmoil we went through because of inability to work because of the diabetes. I had to grow up a lot faster than most children my age but a scout is "Cheerful". I think of the Scout Law as a guidebook for life, not just for use in scouting. As far as leadership goes, I have already held several leadership positions and plan to continue to do so in the future as a way of paying it forward. How much experience does a fourteen-year-old really have? I have a family of Eagles to lean on with their experience to guide me. I feel experience is a never-ending thing, I will always be learning.

Although my scouting career has encouraged me through negative times, it has also helped me and life's positives as well. I have no doubt that the rank of Eagle Scout will assist with more support to my troop and younger Scouts. I believe I can be an inspiration to other Scouts both older and especially the younger ones as they climb their own trails to Eagle.

One of the aspects of scouting that has prepared me the most for the rank of Eagle is the amount of training and opportunities that Scouting provides. Currently I have 62 merit badges including first aid and medicine. These two were especially important to me when it gave me the opportunity to help me save my Dad's life. After that experience I decided to try and earn every medical-related and rescue based merit badge that Scouting has to offer. At that point I knew I wanted to help people as my job in life. But first I need to tell you about how much the military influences my life.

My family has been a military family for several generations. I have always been fascinated by the military and hold them in the highest regard especially veterans. This led me to my Eagle project. My Dad is a veteran and has serious health issues; he gets his health care through the VA. One day I was with him at one of his appointments. He is handicapped and he mentioned the need for more seating at the hospital tram stop. We had a sudden brainstorm right there, to build more benches, thereby helping the handicapped and elderly veterans.

Between my desire to help people through medicine and my love of the military my ambition is to become a Para Rescuer Jumper (PJ), they are an elite team of Special Operations medics in the US Airforce. These are the Airman you want to show up if you're having a REALLY bad day medically, in combat or in any other similar situation. Think Navy Seals with a first aid kit. The standards for this profession are extremely high (only 10% of those who apply make it). At that point if I don't make it, my backup plan is to become an Air Force paramedic. And I want to be one of those guys!

My ultimate plan is once I start high school, I will start taking medical courses towards becoming an EMT/ paramedic; I want to begin my training early to attain this goal. If at a later date I change my mind and decide I don't want to join the military, I would still like to be a paramedic in civilian life. My next ambition is to become an officer while in the Air Force. This is where I feel my strong scouting background will help me most in my future. I feel starting out enlisted then becoming an officer will give me a true appreciation of what it is to lead and to have been led the same way as Boy Scouts.

Whatever my future brings as a career I will always continue in scouting in some capacity. Eagle is the ultimate rank of service. My Dad as an Eagle has always told me that the way I repay all the people that have helped me along my trail to Eagle is by helping the next generation of Eagles. As an Eagle I would like the opportunity to do so. I humbly thank you for this elite opportunity.

Yours and Scouting,

Ethan

Caleb

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Caleb and I began my scouting career when I was eight years old as a Wolf scout. From the moment that I joined Cub Scouts to when I earned my Life Scout, I know that I wanted to be an Eagle Scout. I wanted to be an Eagle Scout because there's nothing more prestigious than being an Eagle Scout and being able to say that, "I'm part of the 5%." The challenge excited me, and I know I wanted to conquer it.

My ambitions have been high ever since I was a young boy. My father was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, and my most vivid memory of my childhood was watching him leave in the black trucks his unit used when they deployed, and watching the gigantic planes whisk my dad to a faraway land for what seemed like an eternity. When I watched those planes take off at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, I know that I wanted to fly one of those planes someday. As time went on, my tastes began to change. I no longer wanted to fly a giant C-17 cargo plane, I wanted to fly a ground attack A-10 Warthog, but as I did some research I learned that my best bet to be a pilot for the Air Force would be flying a B-52 Stratofortress bomber. I learned that to be a pilot, I had to be an officer, so I began researching ways I could be an officer, and by the 7th grade, I know what I wanted to do. I wanted to graduate from the Air Force Academy, class of 2024. I worked hard through middle school and took high school classes to give me the extra GPA boost when I started my freshman year. When I started high school, I made sure to take all honors classes, and I signed up in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC). I joined the swim team, and the marksmanship team to boost my levels of extra-curricular activities so that I would stand out from the rest of the Academy applicants. I became an officer in my sophomore year, and currently I hold the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant. Everything changed when a recruiter from a different branch came to talk to my JROTC class though.

When I took the Life Saving Merit Badge, I had thought of changing my goal of being a pilot to become a Para-Rescue Jumper in the Air Force, but soon learned that due to my allergies, I was medically disqualified from joining them, and so I stuck to my goal of being a pilot. Recently though, the Coast Guard sent a recruiter to talk to my class, and I realized that I could save lives and protect people and the country at the same time. I have begun to look into the requirements of the Coast Guard, but I have not forgotten my initial dream of being a pilot, and so I want to fly helicopters off of a Coast Guard Cutter one day. In my junior year of high school, I will apply to all 5 service academies and the Merchant Marine Academy. Should I not get in to the Coast Guard Academy I will go to a different academy with the goal of being an Air Force pilot, but if I don't get into any of the academies, I will go to college at a "historically minority" college to qualify for the Coast Guard's College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative. From there, I plan to go through Officer Candidate School. Then, pilot training to become a helicopter pilot and hopefully I will be stationed on a USCG Cutter. After I graduate, I plan to volunteer any assignment they want after the year long assignment.

Ethan

Ethan's Eagle Scout Essay

Since I first learned about Cub Scouts in Kindergarten, I wanted to join. I joined the first day I could in First Grade. It was 2006, and I became Tiger Cub in Pack 801, Den 7. I quickly made many friends and continued throughout my Cub Scout career. I am lucky to say that two of them have stayed in Boy Scouts with me and will soon be joining me as Eagle Scouts.

During Cub Scouts I enjoyed many things, but the most fun I had was Camping with my dad and best friends. My Favorite camp was Wings and Things because I got build rockets and learn about planes. In 2011, I earned my Arrow of Light and crossed over form Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. I joined Troop 142 and I was excited to get started a soon as possible. I was no longer the oldest boy in the Pack and the age gap between me and the older Scouts was much larger. It felt great to be learning the trials of scouting with boys who were so much older and more experienced.

My First summer camp was at Woodruffs Scout camp, there I earned my Mountain Man and earned the rank of Scout. I was excited to earn my Totin chip and my Fireman card. I didn't get to pick any of my own classes y first year of summer camp but I still had an exciting time and loved my feeling of independence.

Over the past few years I've accomplished many things in Boy Scouts including: Life, Star, Quartermaster for a year, and Patrol Leader. I have been on many campouts and five years of summer camp. I have been to three High Adventure camps and earned many badges and awards. My First High Adventure camp was Sea Base in 2015. At Sea Base we took a sailing adventure around the Florida Keys. We only got enough wind to sail on the last day but learning how was still a wonderful experience. My favorite part of Sea Base was when we dove in water that was over 700 feet deep! Sea Base was my favorite Boy Scout camp of all time. We saw many awesome places and bonded as friends.

My second-High Adventure Camp was Philmont. I when to Philmont in 2016 and had some of the greatest experiences of my Boy Scout career. I learned many Great skills at Philmont, the most important being thankful for our environment and how to leave no trace. My favorite part of Philmont was waking up to hike to the top of the Tooth of Time at 3AM and hiking back down into base camp knowing it was finally over. Philmont was tough and sometimes not fun at all. But, in the end the hardships were worth it to gain a once in a lifetime experience.

My final High Adventure camp was the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. It was great to see all those scouts all in one p lace. My favorite prat of Jamboree was seeing President Trump speak in front of 25,000 people. My mom and dad watched his speech on TV and texted me pictures. Jamboree was an awesome camp and it was a wonderful place to meet new people and bond with members of my troop. I am glad I took the opportunity to go since it happens only every four years, and I will never have that chance again.

After Jamboree this summer I started working on my Eagle project. I built a shelter and repaired a feeding station for six native Florida whitetail deer at Nature's Classroom. I have grown up hunting with my dad, and as a hunter, it was an important moment when I learned I could build that shelter as my

project. I loved this project because I got to put some of my skills in knowing about deer to help deer who were in need and which were not only being cared for but serving a role for educational purposes to teach young children and future scouts about the environment. We completed my project in 2 Days, my volunteers and I worked very hard in order to complete the project correctly and quickly. I know the Structure we built was safe when I learned it had not blown over during Hurricane Irma.

I had many hobbies throughout my time in Scouting, and learned how I could use the principles of Scouting in the. The first of which was Tae Kwon Do, which I took for over five years. Not only did Tai Kwon Do teach me to defend myself, but it taught me honor and self-respect, something that goes with the Boy Scout Oath and Law. I earned my second-degree Brown Belt in Tai Kwon Do, the last belt before black.

I stopped Tae Kwon Do when I entered high school and needed time to focus on sports. I started out on the Cross-Country team. I ran for 2 years and during that time I set a personal record of 22 minutes. My Sophomore year I decided to wrestle and I already had some background from grappling in Tai Kwon Do. I wrestle for the Wharton Wildcats at the 132-pound weight class. In wrestling, I implement the scout Oath and Law by committing to weight class and to my team by not missing weight or practice. I decided to choose wrestling as my sport for my junior and senior year because I feel that I can become good and make my team proud.

Young Life is a very large part of my life. Young Life is a non-denominations Christian organization meant for connecting high schoolers with God. Young life has taught me many things in life and allowed me to make many trustworthy friends. The leaders in young Life are there for you whenever you need them and they can always help. They support us by coming to our sporting events. Young Life is a great organization and I plan on being a leader myself in college. Capernaum is a branch of Young Life in which kids from Young Life serve as leaders and buddies for special needs teenagers and young adults. I love Capernaum because it allows me to give back to God and repay him for the opportunities he gives me. Connecting with these kids really helps you learn a lot. I am thankful for my time in Capernaum and I have as much fun in it as I do in Young Life.

In school, I make mostly A's and a few B's. My favorite subjects in school are History and Astronomy. I enjoy History because I love learning about how the world used to be. Astronomy is Fun because it's always interesting to learn about things that we might never be able to reach. Scouts plays a significant role in school for me as I implement my Oath and Law into my daily life.

I want to go to a 4-year university and major in business and financing. I think of myself as a people person so a job where I am interacting with people and negotiating deals sounds like an awesome way to work. One day I would like to run my own business or possibly even invent the next great idea.

Looking back, my Scouting career as been a long road of fun and hard work. I am thankful for all the opportunities that scouting has given me. It has made me into a better man and I will implement the Scout Oath and Law every day for the rest of my life.

David

BSA Troop 734

Statement of Ambition and Life Purpose

After high school I plan to further my education in college and hope to attend University of Florida to pursue a career in law through taking pre-law, history and business. My advanced courses in Latin, history, and literature during high school will be helpful toward building my eloquence in this profession. I want to show the principles of Scouting in my future place of work, whether that be the office or the courtroom. I plan to continue servicing community and giving back to Scouting going into my senior year in high school. During my last year of high school, I plan on spending the year bettering myself academically, working at a nearby grocery store, and offering leadership and assistance to the Boy Scouts as an adult leader. I am currently third in my class but hope to become salutatorian, or even valedictorian by the end of the year. From my eleven years in scouting, I have earned my arrow of light and have served as Senior Patrol leader and as Patrol Leader and demonstrated strong leadership in these positions and currently assist and lead in any way I might be needed.

Through my fundraising and project, I took charge and met with community leaders, city council members and business owners. I successfully organized other youth and adults in the undertaking of my slightly ambitious project. Scouting has given me the opportunity to help teach younger scouts and give them guidance and leadership when needed. I would say I have more empathy towards my teachers as I realize the challenges of teaching and leading.

I enjoy volunteering my time to local programs in my community because it gives me a feeling of making a difference or just helping someone who may need it. I enjoy using my vocal talents in the school choir and performing at my church and in 2018, I won first in state competition for male vocal solo. I was inducted into the National Honor society in 2016 and serve my school by tutoring struggling students and offering my time toward helping school activities. I am a member of the varsity baseball team and, as well as playing a part on the team, I serve by assisting with set up and clean up for games and practices. My volunteer hours outside of school include service to the intellectually and physically disabled students at a local school and, until recently, volunteering at a local nursing home and helping with activities for elderly residents. As a job, I work for a widowed neighbor assisting with painting, house and lawn care.

Justin

Life Purpose Statement/Letter of Ambition

To whom this letter may concern,

I began my scouting career back in 2009 because I just wasn't fitting into anything I had tried, but my father had been in Scouts when he was little so I thought why not give Boy Scouts a try. Due to this, I have been very happy with my decision, the only thing I would have changed is that I would have joined sooner to get the full experience. The amount of skills and lessons I've have learned since my beginnings as a Cub Scout is just breathtaking to me and my family, and I am so happy with the young man I have become due to this. I never thought I would get to my Eagle Scout rank when I was younger because I thought it was too big of an achievement for someone like me to earn, but here I am eight years later about to receive this achievement.

The responsibilities, positions, and skills that I have assumed to during my time in Scouts are very extensive. In the time I have been in Troop 149 of Wesley Chapel, since I helped start the troop back in 2012, I have been a Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader several times, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Troop Instructor, Librarian, Scribe and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. As for awards received inside of Scouts I have become part of the Order of the Arrow, I have earned the National Outdoor Award for Camping, 30-plus merit badges, and the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life. I have also earned a few awards outside of Scouts I was expected into the National Junior Honor Society for the three years I was in middle school, I have gotten honor roll several times in both middle school and high school, I have received an academic award for straight A's and now I have started to talk to recruiters about going into the US Navy.

Now that I am at the end of my scouting career as a young man, I have my whole life after high school to see and experience. The career I have chosen to go into will allow me to use everything that I have learned in Boy Scouts. The United States Navy has many jobs to choose from and all of them will require many or all of the skills and lessons that I have acquired in scouting, but the main jobs I am more interested in are the jobs that are in the field of astronomy and meteorology. However I still have yet to decide what job I am actually going to try to go for. I will be able to attend college or university while working in the Navy, do the academic programs they provide. Thanks to this I will be able to serve my country, do something that I really love to do, and attend college at pretty much the same time. Getting my Eagle will also help me advance through the first set of ranks in any of the armed forces branches.

Even during and after all of this, I am going to try and stay a part of Scouts. I want to become a Scoutmaster for my Troop, so that way I have something productive and useful to do when I am on leave with the Navy. I also want to do this because I want to inspire all of the scouts in the Troop that it is possible to get your Eagle Scout Rank and become a Scoutmaster if you have the will and commitment to do so. However, this is not all I want to do, when I have my own family I would like to see my children try Scouting and see just how amazing it is for a parent to see their children grow into amazing adults.

In scouting I have learned how to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, kind, obedient and so much more I am so very happy with the direction my life is heading.

In conclusion to all of this, I will use everything that scouting has taught me to help make the world and my community better and safer. A few more things I shall say is don't be afraid to ask for help and when you are having trouble in life look to those closest to you for help, even a leader has to ask for help sometimes.

From,

Justin

Eagle Scout Candidate

Troop 149, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

Eric

Ambition Statement

During scouting, I learned many things including leadership skills. When I was patrol leader, I had to develop patience for younger Scouts and know how to guide them when they needed it most. In Scouts my favorite thing was being in our troops hiking crew. When the hiking crew would hike every summer, we plan to hike on the Appalachian Trail to experience hiking in the mountains. I learned I could push myself past my limits during hiking. I learned how to work as a team, like how to set up a tarp for our gear when it was about to rain. What I learned in campouts was how to successfully start a fire without flammable substances and how to manage younger Scouts and how to get them to do their tasks when they do not want to. As a whole, scouting has taught me how to be a responsible leader.

As a freshman in high school, I have a lot of classes to go until I graduate. This year I am challenging myself with Honors Geometry and AP Human Geography. I am taking these classes so I can learn time management, challenge myself and prepare for college. I row six days a week for my sport. This can help me possibly get into a good college.

My plan after high school is to row for one of the military academies so I can be an engineer for the military. I would like to be an engineer for the military partly because my dad is in the military and I would like to do service for this country.

When I have graduated college, I plan on going into the military as a career. When I have children, I plan to get them involved in scouting. I would also like to be an adult leader to give back to scouting. Maybe I will be a scoutmaster or assistant scoutmaster. For now, once I get Eagle, I would like to continue to participate with my troop. I will most likely go on campouts and help younger Scouts obtain the rank of Eagle Scout.

Aaron

Statement of Life's Ambitions Eagle Scout Essay

The rank of Eagle Scout is a prestigious achievement that takes perseverance and dedication. I didn't know what to expect when I entered scouting, but it has been a worthwhile experience. I have learned many new skills such as the edge method and developing lasting friendships. Scouting has taken me to places and show me things that I may not have never experienced. Overall, scouting is a wonderful way to test myself and further my success.

I began my scouting experience as a Cub Scout in the first grade, attending meetings and participating in outings. I played flag football for the YMCA in 9 Sports and have also been involved in numerous basketball leagues. In addition, I had parts in school plays introducing me to the world of theater. In elementary school, I was a part of student council and in 5th grade my teachers elected me mayor of a fictional community we had developed. I had two deputy advisors, helping me oversee eleven businesses in the town. Also, I was selected as Citizen of the Month for every grade, and I earned awards for both perfect attendance and perfect FCAT scores. As a Cub Scout, I earned the Arrow of Light award.

I crossed over into Troop 142 in 5th grade with my friends. I especially liked the monthly campouts in the week-long summer camp. The experience has confirmed my love for scouting, and I worked assiduously at camp out and at meetings to advance Through The Scouting ranks. I became a Librarian for Troop 142 and loved the job and the skills that it taught me. I have also enjoyed being able to pay for my scouting activities through selling popcorn, being the top seller one year in the New Fire District.

As an eighth grade student at Terrace Community Middle School and a teenager, life can present challenges both physical and emotional. I have been able to achieve straight A's throughout my time at TCMS. I am a member of the National Junior Honor Society and I have made the school's flag football team. I always do my best in my work and try to help others as much as I can. Through these actions I Inspire the students around me to also do their best. Academically, I enjoy social studies and science the most and would like to be a marine biologist someday. The good habits that I'm developing now should help me succeed in higher education.

Scouting has contributed to my spiritual growth, because the ideals of scouting and the ideals of my Christian faith are similar. I find that being a Christian is natural for me because of my belief in The Scouting ideals.

Scouting has influenced my personal life in the same way. Whether holding the door open for people, helping someone carry something, or helping kids with their schoolwork, the Scout Law has always resonated with my persona and aided the development of virtues. During my Eagle project, I learned how to interact with people in a way that encourage them to support and assist me. At the same time, I returned to them a lot of positive feedback which made it easier for them to want to help me. I find that scouting and the leadership which it develops has made me a more secure and confident person.

Outside of school my interests are varied but when I have a chance, I love to travel. This year I've been to Washington DC, New York, and Orlando, Florida. When my father and I went to Washington DC, we saw all the cool historic monuments in the city such as the Lincoln Memorial and the White House. It was awesome! I have also traveled to the Gettysburg Battlefield, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, and next year my family and I are traveling to Honolulu, Hawaii to visit Pearl Harbor. Since I love history so much, we try to fit in a historic trip each year. I also like to swim, play basketball and football, and go snorkeling. I like to try new things like water skiing and indoor skydiving. One of my favorite things to do is hang out with my family, especially my older brother, who I always beat in basketball.

One thing I've learned as I've matured is how lucky I am, and how important it is to give back as a volunteer. I want to help make Society a better place to live and make a difference in the lives of other people. I volunteer through our local church for a program called "Friend Zone" which is respite opportunity for parents with special-needs children. I also help at our church with Vacation Bible School each summer. In addition, I oversaw the games section at VBS (Vacation Bible School), leading a crew of six kids to Vacation Bible School, leading a crew of six kids to get the games Set up and organize the play. My parents have always said that time is your most precious gift, and I plan to continue volunteering wherever life may take me.

Scouting has made making personal goals easier, and the metaphorical bar at which they are set has become higher because of scouting. The skills mastered in scouting are numerous and wide-ranging, and that gives me the confidence of knowing that I can tackle a wide range of challenges. I am more confident that I can achieve goals because of the success that I have had was setting goals for achieving ranks and earning merit badges.

In my life, I plan to earn my Master's Degree and have a successful career and being a marine biologist. I would like to play high school and college basketball and football and I love to watch the professionals on TV. One of the things on my bucket list is to go to Hawaii. I love playing sports and I have been playing flag football since I was 5 years old. I hope not only to achieve personal success, but also to give back to the community. I plan to give back to the community by becoming an active volunteer through either religious or secular institutions to serve in various ways, such as working with "Friend Zone" or volunteering to help at church events. I also hope to give back to scouting by encouraging others to be in scouts, and to hopefully someday become an active parent scout.

Imi

Dear Eagle Board

When I started my scouting experience in Cub Scouts I joined so I could be with my friends from school, I was very antisocial and nervous and didn't have a lot of friends so I wanted to be with my friends I had as much as I could. I met a lot of good people in cub scouts and learned a lot of different skills like knot tying and fire-making, but the most important thing I learned was how to talk with people. This was also the time when my mom and dad divorced so I had a lot of responsibility translating papers for my mother who didn't speak proper English yet. Then I moved on to boy scouts with my friends. The weekend after my crossover was an experience I will never forget, all the older scouts working together and doing things in an organized fashion. At the time I thought to myself I wanted to be like them when I got older. A few short meetings later came the first summer camp I ever went on, it was also the first time I've ever went more than a few miles away from my mom and on top of that it was for a week. Both my mom and I were nervous but I went and had a blast hanging out with my friends and doing our merit badge classes. Boy scouts taught me many skills and opening my life to many of my hobbies and interests like computers, guns, and history. The skills help me get the role of president in my school's political science club and to be part of the academic honors club. Now that I am finishing Boy Scouts I am preparing for my future, I am planning to get a computer science or criminal justice degree at USF, then enlisting in the army and going to officer school. After being in the army for a while I will begin working either towards becoming a member of Detachment Delta or retire in order to pursue other job opportunities. Those other opportunities include either going to Quantico to then get a job in foreign languages or surveillance at the FBI or applying to the CIA in either a language reliant position or a Clandestine Services position.

Christopher

“Statement of Your Ambitions and Life Purpose”

I started scouting in Cub Scouts, as a Wolf Scout with Pack 606 in Riverview Florida. I earned the Wolf, Bear, Webelos and the Arrow of Light ranks. I then crossed over to Troop 606. I did not stay with Troop 606 very long because my family moved and I joined Troop 11. I was a little nervous to move troops and leave my friends, but the boys and leaders of Troop 11 made me feel welcomed. The older scouts helped me learn my way and the leaders always have had my back. I could not have asked for a better group of friends to help me grow in scouting then those I found in Troop 11.

While in Troop 11 I have been Patrol Leader, Den Chief for Pack 110, Assistant Patrol Leader and Librarian. My favorite time in leadership was being Den Chief for Pack 110. It was challenging at times, but the kids really looked up to me. One boy even told his mom that he wanted to stay in scouting, but only if I would continue to work with him. That scout is still in scouting today and I do see him from time to time. He is not in Troop 11, because he lives too far away to make the meetings. It makes me feel good to know that I had an impact on that scout and the others in his Pack. I have volunteered the past four years to staff Cub Scout Summer Camp (2 years as a Den Chief, one year in Quarter Master, and one year as Lifeguard at the pool/lake). I enjoy helping the younger scouts and sharing my experiences with them. One of my favorite moments was this past year. There was a scout that did not pass the swim test. He struggled at the end with the back float. The Scout was really down on himself. I sat down with him and told him how we could work on his swimming and he could try again the next day. He told me he could not pass and that meant he would not swim in the deep end. I reminded him that even though he did not pass did not mean he could not get in the water. I asked him the motto of Cub Scouts. In tears he said “Do Your Best”. I asked if he had done his best? He said yes, but that was not good enough. I told him it was good enough for today, but he needed to practice. I reminded him he would be better in the morning. He promised he would try. He and I went back to the water and worked on his floating. The next day he arrived at the pool. I could see he did not want to try. I reminded him he could do it and I would be there to cheer him on. He held his head up and he and asked the Head Lifeguard to retake the test. I got the other Cubs to cheer him on he passed with flying colors. He was so excited when he got to change his wristband and swim tag. I hope he will remember that moment and help another Scout when they have challenges. Moments like this not only creates memories for me and the Scout, but also teaches us both how to overcome challenges. Overcoming challenges, facing fears, and stepping out of your comfort zone are some of the many things that Scouts have helped me to learn.

I am currently a junior at Bloomingdale High School where I maintain a 3.7 GPA. I play saxophone for the award-winning Raging Bulls Marching Band with 32 years of superior. I am Senior Master Sergeant in the Air Force JROTC program. This year I was assigned to be Element Leader as an Element Leader I am responsible for 8 to 10 other Cadets. I need to make sure they are in attendance and have everything they need to complete tasks. If they miss I need to make sure they are aware of what they missed. I was selected to compete for a scholarship to attend the United States Air Force Flight Academy. There are over 10,000 Cadets from all over county competing for 250 slots. I am honored to be selected to complete and hope that I make it. This program is a 9-week program where I will have the opportunity to earn my pilot's license. Although I am not required to join the Airforce after graduation, my goal is to

join the Airforce after college. I am graduating May 2020 with 4 years of Marching Band 4 years of JROTC, at least at 3.7 or higher GPA, and an Eagle Scout.

After high school I plan to attend the University of South Florida on an ROTC scholarship to pursue a degree in Engineering. Later to join the Airforce to be a flight engineer. My Grandfather and Uncle who I look up to both served in the military. I want to serve this country as they did.

My time in scouting will not end at graduation. I have looked up to all those that have come before me in scouting. Those that have stayed after earning their Eagle were some of the most inspiring. Their mentorship has helped me in many ways. I want to be that person that others look up to well. My plan is to remain active with my troop until I turn 18. I will continue to volunteer with nonprofits to help others. The feeling you get helping other is unlike any other and I don't want that to end because I have become an adult. The gift that scouting has given me I plan to pass on to as many as I can.

Thank you for taking the time to read about me.

Christopher

Eagle Candidate

Matthew

Life Ambitions

In the fourth grade I joined cub scouts, little did I know how it would shape me into who I am now. Meeting new friends and learning life skills, then best of all teaching those behind me the same skills. I hope to live the rest of my life this way, through school, college, a career, and a family. I will keep this principle at my side, each step of the way learning and teaching to further myself, my community, and my future family.

Right now, I am a junior at Freedom High School. I am a member of Mu Alpha Theta and Science National Honor Society. I take great pride in these clubs as I love math and science and understanding how things around me work. I have a 4.0 GPA and take great pride in my school work. I regularly attend football and volleyball games with friends. I currently take for AP classes and an online course for outdoor skills such as boating and hunting. In the future I hope to get accepted into Georgia Tech or the University of Florida to pursue a degree in engineering. I have always enjoyed designing and building much of what which I have learned in the model making and engineering merit badges. I have not yet chosen a specific type of engineering, but I am interested in aerospace, naval, and petroleum engineering.

I've always been involved in school activities from elementary school science fairs in battle of the books teams to honor societies. Sophomore year I was a member of Spanish Honors Society and today I am a member of science National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. These clubs have helped me make new friends and discover new things about the subjects I enjoy most in school.

Out of school I play recreation league flag football and baseball. I have been playing football there for four years and baseball for one. I have made many friends playing and have had many influential coaches. I look forward to football season every year because I love to play the sport and push myself to be better and to work with new teams each year. This year I earned a Joshua award for sportsmanship while playing baseball. I hope to continue playing sports my entire life to lead a healthy lifestyle.

I attend Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church where my grandfather served as a deacon. I have attended Faith formation classes in classes for confirmation. I also take part in the church cleanup days performing tasks such as mulching, planting, laying sod, and cleaning out storage rooms. I plan to continue attending church throughout my life and keeping a strong connection with God.

Scouts has given me some of the greatest experiences of my life. Most notably would be my 2017 trip to Sea Base. I spent the week on a sailboat navigating to several reefs in the keys and snorkeling. This was hands down one of the greatest times of my life, we were fortunate enough to have lobster season open that last 2 days we were there. I will always cherish the time I spent at Sea Base and hope to return one day. And although we were never able to attend Philmont this summer I have many memories of training hikes and preparation with Mr. Porto.

For the past three summers I have volunteered as a Leadership Intern for a camp invention program run at local school. I lead a group of 3rd and 4th graders to several stations every day for the week-long program. I help them to create ideas and models within a greater topic discussed such as

robots or space exploration. This helps me practice some of the leadership skills I have learned in scouts as well as teaching the kids about how the world around them works.

In Scouts I have held many leadership positions. I have been Assistant Senior Patrol and Patrol Leader once and Senior Patrol Leader twice. Each time learning better ways to help my fellow Scouts succeed in completing requirements for merit badges and rank advancements. I also have a leadership position for the troop during our summer camp visit to Camp La Noche. I advised the current Senior Patrol Leader on how to keep the troop organized and orderly at flag and how to be sure all the boys are attentive and engaged in the activities and meetings. I was also set to be the crew leader for our 2018 track to Philmont, I plan to be the crew leader on our rescheduled 2019 track. I look forward to using all the life skills Scouts has taught me in the future through my education, occupation, citizenship duties, and family life. I will be honored to do so under the Eagle Scout title.

Eric

Extracurricular Activities

My ambitions are to go to college and get a career involving aerospace engineering, cybersecurity, or robotics. I have already been accepted to the University of Tampa, but I might go to the University of South Florida or the Florida Institute of Technology.

9th grade

Crew rowing
AFJROTC
Boy Scouts
Helped in numerous Eagle projects
Earned Life Rank
Pope Pius XII Catholic Boy Scouts Religious Emblers Emblem
French Club and Latin club

10th grade

AFJROTC
Participated at ROTC teams that did push-ups at our football games
Helped at numerous Eagle projects
5K run anniversary of JROTC at USF
Latin Club and French Club
Ad Ahare Dei Catholic Boy Scouts religious emblem
St Vincent de Paul award Boy Scout Diocese of St Petersburg award

11th grade

AFJROTC
Participated at ROTC team that did push-ups at football games
Relay For Life
5K runs St Jude 5K run, downtown Tampa cross out cancer 5K, Pacific Island Warrior Run
Boy Scouts
Helped at numerous Eagle projects
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Latin club, French Club
Latin competition
Support St Vincent de Paul at church

Florida American Legion Florida State, Tallahassee.
I was elected County Clerk and assemblyman.

12th grade

Boy Scouts
Helped at numerous Eagle projects
Senior Patrol Leader
Eagle project completed and 37 merit badges
Supports St Vincent de Paul at church

Kyler

My Ambitions and Purpose

When I initially joined the scouting program in first grade, I joined as a Bobcat and that began my adventure. Over the following years I worked to attain my Arrow of Light as a Webelo Scout. I was so proud to receive this award that I felt that I needed to join the ranks of the Boy Scouts. I wanted to be like the older those older boys, taking on new responsibilities and learning things I had never dreamed of. They were camping on their own without parents, cooking for themselves, setting up hammocks and their own tents, and so much more. And when I did join, it was everything I had hoped for and more. Over the years in Boy Scouts I have held many leadership positions while having this amazing experience, and of these I believe the most rewarding was my time as the assistant senior patrol leader.

During my time as assistant senior patrol leader, I had the most fun I had in my entire scouting career and was able to help the most people during those six months. I was able to influence my troops direction and help guide some of our younger scouts score success with their ranks in merit badges. I was also able to organize many fun and exciting learning experiences with our Troop. One of my favorite was a nature hike we took up at upper Tampa Bay park where we were able to educate some of our younger boys on the types of wildlife in the area and how to spot them.

Now that I am coming to a close in my scouting career as a member of the Boy Scouts, I must look at what the future holds for me. They say that nothing is guaranteed, yet my return as an adult leader is near unavoidable. I need to help these kids advance more, and this is the best way I can do that. I feel that it is giving back to that which gave me so much. The future I look forward to is a future where I can support my own family in a reasonable home with reasonable income. To most people this may seem like a mediocre goal, but scouting has taught me that this is all I need. The best way to enjoy life is to help others everyday and to try to live from the experiences you have, not the things you own.

My plan to achieve these goals is to receive a degree from the University of South Florida, where I have received a \$12,000 scholarship for the mechanical engineering program. I plan to pursue an eight-year degree in the field. My aspiration is to use this degree to go into the field of automotive design, and work for Nissan's Performance Wing, known as Nismo. I want to be able to use this position to organize support for the program "Racing for Vets", a charity that helps service-disabled US military veterans get directly involved in motorsports careers in amateur competition by leveraging the power of the motorsport's community. This is the way I will continue to do a good turn daily. I will also do my best to regularly volunteer at the Metropolitan Ministries.

Not only that, but in my current position in life, scouting has helped me immensely. My leadership position in the Technology Student Association is thanks to my troop providing me leadership skills I needed to run. This club has changed my life by allowing me to meet some lifetime friends and teach me skills I believed I would never learn such as computer aided design.

James

Eagle Applicant Personal Statement

Life purpose:

I've always liked being a mentor to people. There's just something about passing knowledge on from one person to another that just seems so pure and wonderful, whether it's teaching a Cub Scout how to tie a square knot, or helping a colleague perfect a research paper, I never get tired of it. With every mistake that I made, there was a lesson learned, and when I help others try to get it right the first time, it makes me feel good to know they might not have to go through the same mistakes as I did. In my mind, personal success is good, but helping others to succeed too is even better.

Ambitions:

Although I have yet to figure out what career I want to pursue as I grow older, I do plan to attend St Petersburg Community College for the next two years, and then move on to the University of South Florida once I decide on a degree path. Whichever path I take, I know that it will be one that brings happiness to others as much as it brings happiness to myself.

Leadership:

Throughout my childhood I have served as a leader on several occasions, whether it was under a position or not, but I can proudly say that I've previously held the following titles:

School:

Countryside High School Drama Webmaster (June 2017 to May 2018)

Boy Scouts:

Troop Historian

Troop Librarian

Den Chief

Troop Quartermaster

Troop guide

Senior Patrol Leader

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

Training:

Throughout scouting, I've undertaken several trainings in order to better fill certain roles and jobs, and to generally widen my spectrum of knowledge including:

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops

Den Chief Training

Aims and Methods of Boy Scouting

Ideals and Beliefs of Boy Scouting

Advancement for Boy Scouting

Intro to Merit Badges for Boy Scouting

Merit Badge Counselors for Boys Scouting

Merit Badge Counselors Sign Up

Weather Hazards

Youth Protection Training
ATV Safety Course
SDI Junior Open Water Scuba Diver

Ending Comments:

I owe a lot to Scouting. To put it plainly, I'm not sure where I'd be now without it, and now that my journey is almost over I can only hope that I can help younger Scouts have as enjoyable of an experience as I did. Looking back on all the good memories from scouting, the late-night campfires, exploring the woods with friends, killing time at summer camp, learning new things; I can really say that I'm proud to call myself a scout, because I wouldn't give up those memories for anything.

Jared

Eagle Scout Personal Statement

Life purpose:

My life purpose is to continue to learn about as much as possible about everything I can through new experiences, challenges, travels, and studies. I will also continue my duty to God and my country by joining the United States military service. I will always lend a helping hand to others if they need it.

Ambitions:

For many years now, I have wanted to pursue a career in the emergency management and law enforcement fields. After graduating from Countryside High School with my diploma (May 2018), I plan on attending welding school due to my interest in welding. I believe it is a valuable skill to have. After graduating from welding school, I will enroll with the United States military delayed entry program, and then continue to pursue a double major in industrial design and automotive engineering. After graduating with these degrees, I will join the US military. After the service, I plan on becoming a US Marshal or police officer on a special weapons and tactics unit.

Leadership Experiences:

Throughout my scouting career and personal life, I have been placed in many leadership positions. With every new experience, I have learned how to be a better leader. I consider myself the natural leader in school group projects, family outings as well as trips I take with my friends.

School:

- Enterprise Village Buccaneers store manager
- Countryside High School, The Pride Yearbook Editor
- Countryside High School, Communications Technology Production Manager

BoyScouts:

- Assistant Patrol Leader (two terms)
- Troop Guide (two terms)
- Quartermaster (two terms)

Venture Crew:

- Historian

Other:

- Model United Nations Student School Representative (7th grade)

Leadership Training:

Through my training, I have learned to communicate effectively with others, listen to opinions, address problems, and use teamwork. These training have prepared me for the US Army and then leadership associated with being an Army Ranger. These trainings will allow me to be a better team leader and highly effective soldier.

- Troop Based Leadership Training
- Incidental Command Systems (ICS) ICS – 7
- ICS - 100

Jobs and Volunteering:

To focus more on my studies as a high school senior, I am not currently employed. I have worked in two different fields in the past. Although they were in two different areas of expertise, one thing remained constant; the customer is important, and their satisfaction is crucial for the survival and expansion of your business. To be a good leader, you must respect your co-workers, your boss, or bosses, and your team or department.

- Living Water Pool Service Technician (Summer 2017)
- Assistant to Luke Sartwell, Handyman and Property Services (Summer 2017)
- Countryside High School, Communications Technology Production Manager (throughout High School)
- Cub Scout Family Camp Leadership Staff, First Aid Team and Logistics (2011 to 2016)

Honors and Awards:

Over the years, I have accumulated numerous awards by working hard to achieve these awards and to become a more effective member of society, friend, family member and student.

- Wilderness First Aid Award for Excellence (2015)
- Camper of the Month February (2016)
- Physical Education Coaches Award (Spring 2011)
 - Given to one student from every PE coach at the end of 5th grade
- The Pride Yearbook Editor of the Semester (Fall 2016)
- Honor Roll for good grades (2012 to 2018)
- Communications Technology Advanced Student of the Year award chosen by the teacher, Mr Daniel Whitaker, for the hardest-working, most helpful, and creative student (2016 to 2017)

Final comments:

I have been humbled and feel honored to have taken part in this Eagle Scout process. Throughout my years as scouting, I have met people from many walks of life each with a different story, skill and teaching. All the leadership positions I have held in scouting have helped me make my Eagle project go more efficiently. Scouting has taught me to have good morals, be of good character, to stand up for what is right, and to always be prepared. From the beginning stages of my Eagle project process, I started out shy and reluctant to make phone calls for the fear of being told "no". As I moved further along with this process, I became more confident in my interaction with people I either did not know well or did not know it all. In addition, I must thank scouting for my love for the outdoors specifically, Boy Scout Troop 413 and Venture Crew 135. Scouting has provided me many useful skills that will last me a lifetime and will benefit me in all stages of my life. Troop 413 has provided me with many great campouts, life lessons, experiences and skills. Crew 135 has enabled me to be involved with other young adults by participating in high adventure activities, such as climbing, rappelling, extended canoeing trips and multi-day hikes.

In conclusion, I am still young and understand that I have a lot to learn. I am excited and eager to continue my journey in Scouting and to give back to my community, my country and the world.

Austin

Letter of Ambition

My name is Austin. I am a senior in high school. One of the most rewarding things about my senior year of high school is that I am able to take college-level courses that are more aligned with what I would like to do as a career. For example, this year I'm taking AP biology, which allows me to learn more about life, from a cellular level to a whole bio me. This will hopefully give me some more experience with biological functions, a scale much-needed if I am to become a crime scene investigator. Outside of school, I enjoy music, having taken guitar lessons for 5 or 6 years now. I'm also the president of the board game club, a club I started this year, which allows other people to come to the club and play games.

At the time of writing this letter, I have applied to five Florida colleges. They are the University of Florida, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, and Florida Gulf Coast University. I would like to pursue a degree in either criminology or biology, in the hopes of becoming a crime scene investigator. I currently do not have a preference of which school I go to, as all of the schools listed above are equally rigorous, and offer the degree I need. After completing college, I hope to get a job as a crime scene investigator for the State of Florida. Eventually I would like to work for the federal government as a crime scene analyst. This would allow me to travel all over America and help catch criminals.

Nikolas

My Ambition Statement

I became a Cub Scout when I was in first grade. I still remember when my teacher came around with the flyer about scouting. I remember there were pictures of shooting, rock climbing, zip lining, and propelling. I was so excited to join Scouts, I came home and asked my dad if we could join. Unfortunately, I learned Cub Scouts did not do any of this because they were too young. My Dad and I joined anyway, and we had a great time learning how to be a scout, learning how to camp and making pinewood derby cars.

As I grew older, I moved from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and I began to learn new things. I remember learning to tie various knots such as the square knot and the overhand knot, to use while camping. As I grew more experienced, I began teaching younger Scouts how to tie knots. Gradually, time passed and I started running for various leadership positions in the troop. Over the last six years I have been a Historian, Librarian, Photographer, Assistant Patrol Leader and even a Patrol Leader. I enjoyed being a Patrol Leader because it helped me work on my leadership skills and my ability to be part of a team. It also helped me be more relaxed talking in front of my peers.

The skills that I learned from scouting will help benefit me in life. I have one more year in high school, until I graduate in 2020. From there, I'm not sure what I want to do. My uncle has his own electrical company and I plan to spend some time there this summer as a helper to see if this is a career I may be interested in. If this does not work out, I have always thought about being a veterinarian or possibly going to college for a degree involving computers. I feel there are many different opportunities for me but I need to figure out what path I will take I hope to one day have a family of my own and teach my family about camping and bring scouting into my children's lives. One of the most important things to me throughout my scouting years was spending time with my Dad. He came on almost every scouting activity with me, including weekend camping trips, summer camp and even sea base camp. He travels a lot with his job, so this was a good way for me to spend time with him.

Even though I am about to finish boyscout's, I will not forget all the important things I have learned about friendship, teamwork and Leadership. Whatever path I taken life, I know I will be better prepared after being a Boy Scout.

Leadership positions and experiences:

- Patrol Leader – I took care of the scouts in my patrol, keeping them quiet during meetings and helping them with their rank requirements.
- Assistant Patrol Leader – I assisted the Patrol Leader and filled in for him while he was gone
- Camp Counselor – For the last three summers I spent several weeks as a camp counselor at a program called “Camp Black and Blue” at Riverview high school.

Awards and Honors:

- I have been on Honor Roll almost every quarter since middle school and even Principals Honor Roll once.

- I was in National Junior Honor Society in middle school which emphasizes academics and service hours.
- I was awarded the opportunity to attend the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), where I learned to better work as a team and various leadership styles.

Freddy

Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose

During my time as a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout I have learned many things about life and leadership. My greatest ambitions are trying my hardest in high school and college, and hopefully pursue my dream of going to medical school and becoming a doctor like my Dad. My life's purpose is being there for people in need and helping others by saving lives as a doctor. I wish that as I get older I can live a happy, healthy lifestyle as a leader who is trusted by others.

Kevin

My Ambitions, Life Purpose & Leadership Positions

Eagle Scout Candidate, Troop 827

I remember starting my scouting adventures in Cub Scouts back in 2009. I have come a long way since earning my first badge. As I grew older I left Cub Scouting enjoying the Boy Scouts when I was 12. I started to take on new responsibilities and learn new things. In the beginning, when I first joined boyscout, we learned how to set up tents. This this was said to be the most important thing to know how to do on your own. Then we moved on to knots and use what we learned at campouts for setting up tents, but as I moved became more and more experienced I started teaching younger scouts how to tie the knot's and set up their own tents. Gradually I began to notice that as more and more of the older Scouts left the troop, the scouts who were my age had to step up into the positions that were left behind. Over the course of the years I enjoyed being the Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and had 2 ½ years as a Senior Patrol Leader.

Being the troop guide was probably the most interesting and fun position that I had. I got to lead a group of guys and teach them everything I knew about scouting. One of the hardest jobs, what's to teach everything I knew in a way that the young man would be able to understand it and use it in their scouting career.

Now that I am finishing up Boy Scouts, I still have a whole life ahead of me. The skills that I have learned from Scouting will definitely benefit me as I experience new things in life. Of course, looking forward I have many goals that I would like to accomplish. Starting after graduation, I will be serving a two-year missionary mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When I come back from my mission I will be attending college to pursue a law degree. My goal is to become a prosecuting attorney. I feel this is needed to help clean up and get that criminals off the street and keep innocent people free. My ultimate goal in the end is to become a Circuit Judge. I would like to have a successful career and later in life take a few more college classes in musical education and become a band director. Band and music is my ultimate passion and I hope to make a life out of this as well someday. Even if it's just being a band dad the way my parents have been involved in my 7 years of band life.

After completing college and having a good career I would like to be able to give back to my community and help others. I would like to be involved with volunteer groups in my church or with other organizations that will help people in need no matter how small of a trust contribution I make. While being a Scout I have learned to be helpful, friendly, and trustworthy just to name a few. Some of these traits have probably come from being involved deeply with community service from being a scout and in church. After all of the hours that I have put into community service I find it rewarding because at the end of the day something has been accomplished to help someone else or make something and everyone is happy.

In summary even though my scouting days will be over in a few months once I turn 18, I will not lose sight of what I have taken out of this great experience. Whatever path I go down and I will use my scouting to leave this planet in a better place than it was when I arrived. I want to have a great impact on my family, my society, and the people around me.

Ty

Troop 632 Eagle Scout Candidate

Statement of Ambition

I've taken a moment, a moment to myself to think about what I want to make of my life. This moment lasted 17 years, and every day became a thought as I crafted my goals, as I figured out how to not go gentle into that good night. Every experience with my organizations, my school, and with my peers all pointed me in a direction as I manifested in an internal compass. My passion to make a difference has been catalyzing for years, and now I realized I want to make an impact beyond my family, beyond a desk. But how do you change the world? You try. That's the first step. And when you don't like the results? You persevere, you find a different angle. The Boy Scouts of America has introduced me to people, and further inspired me to relentlessly pursue that change, that effect that I want to see in my community. I know this program and the lessons I've learned through it will ripple outward and stick with me for the rest of my life as I venture on a search for that difference. What makes me any different than the next dreamer? It's that I can't stand to simply be a dreamer, to passively watch the world progressed without me. I want to be part of something that composes a whole. I understand that it takes differentiation from the norm to progress. I will be an innovator and a leader. I've already taken the first steps towards structuring myself through my years of experience in the Boy Scouts of America and by attending leadership events, such as National Youth Leadership Training. This program has been a pivotal piece of myself. I've been building bridges for years in Alafia State Park and the rank of Eagle Scout represents to me a bridge that defies limitation. This year I plan to graduate from Durand High School with honors, As well as my first year of college coursework already completed. I've been offered a multitude of educational opportunities beyond high school receiving the Presidential Scholarship from my local community college a full ride to obtain my associate's degree, acceptances to phenomenal universities such as the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida, and a bright futures scholarship covering full tuition all the way up until I complete my master's degree. Despite all these opportunities I still yet to commit upon a plan, but I suppose having a lot of options For my future isn't a terrible problem to have. Wherever I end up I intend to study finance and perhaps business law, I want a degree largely applicable to a wide field, and as money is involved with every aspect of life understanding how it works and how to make it work for you seems essential. I dream to attend the University of Florida's Public Ivy league program upon the completion of my associates, but understand to achieve and Ivy League acceptance effort must be Beyond evident. Although my future is, to me, largely unclear I am certain if I work hard and maintain my core values and beliefs that God will put me where I need to be and take me where I need to go. I intend upon continuing the betterment of Troop 632 after I obtain Eagle as I feel not obligated but rather inspired to pursue the advancement of my troop within the interior. To conclude I leave you with this I am thankful beyond beyond thankful for all the lessons and character, leadership, and lifelong skills the Boy Scouts of America has offered me, And I am thrilled to further develop myself, my troop, and the world what it truly means to live by the oath and law.

Dylan

Eagle Scout Personal Statement

Upon crossing over, I entered my troop with a sense of excitement and interest in what Boy Scouts was and what I could become. As I began my journey, I looked up to many older scouts within my own troop. These star and life scouts acted as role models of who I wanted to be not just as a scout but as a person. During this time, I was still naive and sophomoric in the sense that I did not understand the world around me or the true mission of scout. I simply saw scouting as a way to hang out with my friends during meetings and camping trips, and I saw a little point to earning badges. But, my follow patrol members began to push me to complete merit badges with them and earn rank advancements. Through the sense of competition, I was able to move myself down the path to reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

As I moved up through the ranks, I noticed many of my friends leaving scouting for various reasons, but I still had a sense of competition and rivalry between many members of my patrol. But as time went on, I was well became dizzy and overloaded by academics and other extracurricular activities. These engagements took me away from scouting and put a hold on my path to the Eagle Scout rank. At this time, I began playing competitive soccer and my academics became increasingly difficult. Even though I enjoyed scouting and camping, soccer began to become take up most of my time with practices often scheduled during our Monday night troop meetings and games on every weekend with prevented me from attending our camping trips. This greatly slowed my effort of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, but I still try to remain active as much as I could with in the troop because I honestly enjoyed scouting and my troop.

After a few years passed, I started high school at Jesuit, when I was very unprepared for the academical demand that high school would put on me. During this time, I was struggling academically with school and trying to still juggle soccer, school clubs, and scouting. Also, at this time, I saw a loss of the competitive spirit that was previously pushing me to compete with my fellow patrol members. All of these factors greatly discouraged me from advancing in my skin scouting, and I contemplated if scouting was still worth it. I thought I might have missed my chance to achieve Eagle because of how busy I was. But that summer, I was able to attend Summit, and I felt as though this camp instilled in me the desire to pursue scouting and the rank of Eagle Scout again. Later, I also attended Sea Base in St. Thomas which was another great sounding scouting experience. Both of these high adventure camps push me to continue in scouting and offered me a great personal experience that I will remember throughout my life.

Through these experiences, I realized that I needed to work on my time management, schedule, and communication if I wanted to succeed in scouting and all of my other activities. After a bit of an adjustment period, I was able to start attending Scout meetings Again by getting my homework done before hand and talking to coaches about the value I hold scouting in my lice. Life. Soon after, I was able to regain my footing in my pursuit to Eagle. During this. Of adjustment, I was doing exceedingly well because I was enjoying scouting, my grades were improving, and I was still able to play competitive soccer. During sophomore year of high school, I started looking for ideas to do my Eagle Scout project. After my first project idea was not approved, I was introduced to a project idea by Thomas Procopio on the USS Victory Ship. This project entailed me to restoring the victory ship upper gundeck in for cargo winches by scraping off old paint and rust and then repainting them my new project was approved, and I

was able to start my in-depth planning and eventually start my project. I was able to also work with Dycos Paints, Inc. Which generously donated paint and offered me anything in the store at its base price with no profit to them. I also raised money with a car wash to help with expenses like tools, lunches, and different types of materials. I was able to eventually start my project in the spring of my sophomore year, and the project ran perfectly due to the extensive planning that it took place beforehand. My project lasted about two weekends of seven hours each day and then one day to touch up the painting.

After I completed my project, I turn my focus to merit badges and achieving my Eagle. Since the completion of my project, I have spent most of my time in scouting working on finishing touches on merit badges and my project. This has led me to finally finish all my merit badges and requirements needed to achieve the eagle scout rank. Through scouting, I learned countless life lessons, life skills, and lessons. These past years have given me many types of different types of experiences, and scouting has truly helped me become a man. Now that I'm close to becoming 18, I greatly value my scouting experience because of the lessons that it has taught me over the years, and I feel as though these types of lessons come from experiences that are very hard to teach in a classroom. Scouting has left a great impression on me, and I feel that it has helped for me into a responsible, well-rounded young man. This is what I believe the true mission of scouting is. I believe that scouting through scouting a young, naive and careless boy, such as myself, can be shaped and molded through the scout ranks to become a strong, well-informed, an independent man who understands the world around him.

In the future, I hope to complete my last year of high school at Jesuit and move on to college at Florida State University or the University of South Florida. I'm also open to being recruited for soccer and playing for any University in college, I hope to major in political science or American history, and then attend a law school for my four years after my four years. I selected this career choice because I attended Boys State last summer and enjoyed the law aspect. I also was drawn to this career choice because I worked as an intern at Corless Barfield trial group, and this internship showed me the day-to-day aspect of being a lawyer. I also enjoyed my US history class which opened my eyes becoming an American history major which is a good pre-law major. I'm also considering being a political science major because I enjoy forming opinions on political issues and debating them with friends. Overall, I hope to bring my scouting experience and lessons learned into my college and eventually into my career.

Samuel

My Statement of Ambitions

When I was in second grade my parents remembered how excited I was when I brought home a Cub Scout flyer from elementary school. That began my journey and scouting. While in Cub Scouts I was introduced to camping outdoors, earning belt loops and participating in pinewood derby races. In Boy Scouts I participated in summer camps, earning merit badges, and Dutch oven competitions. I have learned many skills from scouting that I would not have learned elsewhere.

Currently I am a sophomore at Strawberry Crest High School. My favorite subjects are Chemistry and English. Both of those teachers have encouraged me to join the Debate team in the Science Club my junior and senior years. Science is personally one of my strong suits and I think it would be a lot of fun to join the science club. As for the Debate Club, I think it would be a unique experience to learn public speaking skills. I am a member of First Baptist Church of Plant City. Since sixth grade I volunteered my time in the First Light Ministries at my church. First light Ministry specializes in audio visual technology this ministry is the source of my passion for technology and has served as a Gateway into the field of electronics. Currently I am technical director and this position has taught me very valuable things about technology.

After high school I plan to attend Hillsborough Community College. At Hillsborough Community College I am going to work towards getting either an Associates in Management of Information Systems or Computer Engineering Technology. After earning my Associate's degree I plan on attending University of South Florida so that I can study in a more advanced field of Information technology or another like it.

Upon graduating college I would like to pursue a career that is primarily focused on Information Technology. Managing digital infrastructure has always been a dream of mine. The leadership skills I have learned in the scouting program have better equipped me to do my future job. I plan to continue to contribute to my troop long after I make Eagle. I have a desire to hold an adult leadership position so that I may get back to younger scouts. If I were to have a second career choice it would be to join the military. Many of the skills and values I have learned in scouting would do well for me in a military career. More specifically I would aim for becoming an EOD tech because of their more "hands-on" approach to technology.

Looking back at my years of scouting, I wouldn't be where I am today without my parents supporting me in this journey. I am thankful to have the freedom to attend church and worship God. As a young adult I pray for God's Direction in my future education and career as well as serving my church and Scout Troop.

Patrick

My life ambition is to get a college degree in business and get a job in that field while pursuing my passion for playing jazz trombone. I also want to get married and raise a family. My life purpose is to lead a happy life and help others.

Stephen

My life ambitions are to graduate college from USF with a degree in computer engineering, get a well-paying job in that field, continue to play tenor saxophone and eventually join a community jazz band, get married, and have children. My life purpose is to live a fulfilling life in which I pass on my knowledge to the next generation.

David

Letter of Ambition

After I graduate high school in the spring of 2019, I plan to head to a 4-year college in the fall to further my education. I also will go to a trade school or Technical College to get degrees in plumbing and electrical. I have chosen this path as I have always wanted a hands-on job and wanted to open my own business. While at college I hope to pursue a degree in business management and minor in accounting, this way should I choose to open my own business, I'll have the know-how to get myself started in the right direction.

After I complete college, I aspire to open my own plumbing and electrical business. However, should this not work out I will have a business degree that will enable me to work at a company. Family has always played an important role in my life and I will continue to support them as they have supported me. Throughout life I hope to continue backpacking and camping as well as add some new activities, like working on cars something I've always wanted to do. I will also stay active in the community and help those in need. Some of the things I'd like to do in the very long term is to backpack Europe, build a car and climb a mountain.

Through all my goals and aspirations, I will be very successful in life. The things I have learned in scouts, especially leadership, will always stay with me and will help me succeed as an individual.

Manuel

Dear Board of Review members,

My name is Manuel. I am a member of BSA Troop 9 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. I am writing this letter to express why I believe I am eligible to become an Eagle Scout.

I would first like to start out by talking about my history with the Boy Scouts of America organization. I have been in scouting since I joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger Cub Scout and I have continued going higher in ranks all the way through to Webelos II and earning my Arrow of Light. I crossed over from Pack 9 to Troop 9 and have been a Boy Scout with this troop ever since. While I was moving up in rank, I served a Senior Patrol Leader twice and as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader as well as other positions such as Quartermaster.

After becoming a Life Scout I also decided to join The Order of the Arrow and have attended several events with OA even serving as Longmat. Recently, I have completed my Eagle Scout Pro project which I put a lot of time, effort and resources into to show that I am capable of doing what is needed in order to become an Eagle Scout. I not only completed my project but have been active in my troop and I have been trying to be a role model for the younger scouts to follow.

Next I would like to talk about my academic achievements in school. I never really knew what I wanted to do with my life until I became a freshman in high school. Within a few months of high school I knew that I wanted to work in the medical field. For the past three years I have not only been a part of the Medical Academy at Mitchell High School but I have also been a part of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America). In HOSA we raise awareness and money for different causes like Breast Cancer or Autism every month. We raise money by selling things and putting on car washes in our community. We also participate in Relay for Life every year to raise money for cancer. As part of the Medical Academy I get to participate in health screenings done at elementary and middle schools in our community. I'm also currently working on earning my CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) through this program. Outside of school I also played soccer for about ten years with West Pasco Soccer Club. I was a part of the same team for eight years.

Some of the merit badges I have earned during my time in Scouts such as First Aid and Life-aving have given me a head start on the medical classes that I am taking now. After graduating I plan on attending a community college and then transferring to Florida Atlantic University for Pre-Med. I would like to become a Cardiothoracic Surgeon and open my own practice.

I try to live by the Scout Oath and Law by being kind and friendly to people. I am helpful at home by doing chores and I also drive my younger brother to school everyday. I am very loyal to my friends and family. I struggle the most with being reverent. I believe in God and was raised Catholic but I think I could be more consistent in my prayers and giving thanks. I have made mistakes growing up and made a few bad choices but I have learned from them and they have made me a better person and I better Scout. I have learned to be a better leader and earning the Eagle Scout rank would be an honor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Manuel

John

Life Statement

I've been in Scouts since I was a tiger cub and the one thing I remember where all the stories of the boys going for Eagle Scout. So from the day pack 484 recruited me I have set my sights on one goal and that was to get my Eagle. Now fast-forwarding to present times all the things I have learned in scouting over the years has prepared me for earning my Eagle. I wanted to pick a project that I believed in and that also helped my work people, this would be the first Eagle project done for the Native American people. So I met with my people and came up with a plan to rebuild our ceremonial area. My people love the way it came out and we're impressed with my design. Now since my time in the scouting program in my time in MCJROTC has developed my general knowledge and my leadership skills immensely. I've become a person who can be responsible and take responsibility for my actions. All the things that I have learned in Scouts will help me greatly with my career. I am going to be commissioning into the United States Marine Corps, My overall plan is to get my bachelor's degree in criminology. After my four years of college I will commission into the Marines and serve my time as a Marine Corps officer. Once in I hope to get the chance to be in the MARCO (Raiders) which is a special forces unit. Body, mind and spirit, these are the things we have focused on in the troop and the same can ring true for my training in the Marines, with this under my belt is what will make me successful in my future. So now with earning the rank of Eagle it will push me over the top and show everyone that I am the elite of the elite.

Yours in Scouting

John

Austen

Life Ambitions Statement

During my Life I've been taught many things. But the most important lesson that I've been taught is to be selfless and kind, and to help others because it's the right thing to do. It's from these lessons taught to me by the Boy Scouts and my family is why I believe that a career in law enforcement, as a Firefighter, or a Paramedic would be best for me. Although I have no leadership positions outside the BSA I do believe that the experience from this Eagle Scout project will be invaluable later in my life. No matter what path I decide to take.

Phillip

Personal Statement

My name is Philip. I've been in scouting for over a decade already having joined scouting as soon as I was able. I started as a Tiger in Cub Scouts and since then I have remained active and involved in scouting. I've completed National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and have served a Senior Patrol Leader. I've had a leading role in planning campouts and outings for my troop. I volunteered and helped with numerous Eagle projects and other volunteer efforts, like making breakfast for the homeless through my church. I was also very active and fundraising efforts for the troop, such as the yearly popcorn sales, I once sold \$1,300 worth of popcorn one year.

Scouting has made me a better person and leader through the comradery and experiences that nothing else but scouting can provide. Things like the Outdoor Code and Scout Honor weren't just things I had to memorize but things that I took to heart and full heartedly believed in. I've been able to achieve so much with scouting, and I don't think I'd be quite the person I am today without it.

My goals are to pursue a career in Computer Science as a Systems Administrator, work hard, budget, save, invest intelligently, and be able to retire early to travel, camp and hike to my heart's content.

I think I deserve the rank of Eagle Scout because I've shown the required leadership to plan, organize, lead, and complete an Eagle Service project. I've been able active in scouting for a long time and has shown all the characteristics of the Scout Law throughout my scouting career. I've completed required number of merit badges, including the required Eagle merit badges.

Brian

Dear Eagle Scout Board of Review,

My personal goal for life is to become the best possible version of myself, succeed in all areas of life, specifically my academic, spiritual, professional, and personal. I try to develop my character through the activities and relationships that I'm part of, as well as the challenges and successes that my life brings.

At my high school, I was a two-member two-year member of the wrestling team, and have been active in clubs, particularly Peer Ministry. Wrestling drove me better drove me to better myself and those around me, while accepting defeats and wins humbly. However, major injuries came and took an extreme toll on my wrestling ability, forcing me to evaluate my priorities, and helping me learn a lot about myself in the process. Peer Ministry has far been one of the most influential parts of the development of my character and spirituality today. I have lead underclassmen in small group discussions and giving speeches with about difficult topics. I sharing my personal challenges and solutions with other students, I hope to help them feel understood and / or give them perspective.

I have also made the honor roll at my grade school, middle school, and high school. I was the winner of a diocese sponsored religious essay award contest in 8th grade. Recently, I scored a 35, nearly a perfect score, on the English section of the ACT test. I am working this summer to better my overall composite score.

Through camping, hiking, and acquiring other outdoor skills, becoming friends with my fellow scouts, and learning from my adult leaders, I have developed a skill set that will continue to help me find solutions. The road to becoming an eagle scout, with the planning, organizing and finally the completion of my project, will be an example for me as to how I should approach my goals and projects going forward in my life.

My years of scouting, from being a Tiger Cub up until the present, have given me amazing memories, fun experiences, and been influential in the process of becoming a better person. Scouting has given me numerous opportunities to be a leader and example to others. I have made friends that I expect to have for life. Our shared experience of scouting is special and we all are lucky to have been a part of it.

Sincerely,

Brian

Matthew

To whom it may concern,

I am taking 3 College classes at Pinellas Technical School called Network support services these classes help me with my goal of becoming a network security specialist. I am also taking a business class that help teach me about workplace ethics. In the past I have earned a writing award for writing and 5th grade. I also completed my Arrow of Light in Cub Scouts. I currently work at Publix and have worked there for over 6 months. I've been chosen for the Order of the Arrow. I have also been ASPL, scribe, patrol leader and assistant to patrol leader.

I am planning on continuing my technical school classes after high school to finish the course and earn credit for a degree. I am planning on going to St. Pete college . I plan to try to get to job with my technical school experience and then, later in life try for a degree. I plan to eventually become a freelance network security specialist that can be hired for short periods of time. When I am 30 or 40, I plan to have a family. If I must move out of town for work at that point, I would be fine with that. I'm also currently in my cities teen council and plan to be in it for senior year as well as this year.

Scott

I am Scott and I am going to Missouri State University this fall to major in criminology, I will then look for the career that I want. If I cannot go down the path I am thinking of joining the military as a fallback plan. Join as an officer in the Navy or Marine Corps and having done my four years of college. That is looking to the future, for a glimpse of the past; I was SPL in scouts where I learned how to be a leader. I used the skills I acquired from scouting and used it for school where I was treasurer of National Honor Society, one of the Class of 2018 representatives, and captain of the soccer team. I have learned so much throughout my journey to Eagle that has already helped me and will continue to help me for the rest of my life.

Thomas

Eagle Scout Application Letter

Throughout my scouting career, I've learned a multitude of new life skills in addition to learning about myself by learning these skills. From my experience, I've become more determined and organized. My time as a patrol leader has led me to taking the initiative often and nearly all situations regardless of perceived social rankings. While in this position I've also learned that putting your faith into those that you are leading is crucial for your success. Soon after my time as Patrol Leader I began the assistant coach for my brother's 13 year old Little League baseball team. As a coach I enjoyed teaching the team specifics of baseball as well as getting them to retain the information I had given them. Without my experience as a Scout and as a Patrol Leader I'm doubtful I would have been as successful in leading them to become district champions. In addition, when I was younger I was in NJHS and with everything scouting had taught me up to that point, I easily continue to stay in that society for years due to the hard work ethic I had been come accustomed to in Boy Scouts. Entering Scouts, I was a self-admitted procrastinator but, the serious work ethic required to get to this point in my scouting path has created a habit of hard work and dedication in all aspects of my life which I am truly grateful for. I know that for the rest of my life these skills and values will follow me no matter how I use them.

As for my educational path, I am currently in my junior year of high school. I play for my high school baseball team which engulfs most of my free time, but I wouldn't want it any other way. The opportunities I've been blessed with to continue playing the game I love is truly amazing. As for the educational side of high school, I take diverse classes While most of my interest rests in science oriented classes such as chemistry as well as biology. My Sophomore year I was enrolled in AP Environmental Science, and extremely challenging class with my schedule, but well worth the countless hours put into it since it truly helped me confirm Health Sciences was the path I wish to pursue. I am involved in my school's AVID club to better prepare me for college and ease the high school work load by learning more effective studying and note-taking strategies.

Once I had become certain of my future medical path, I knew my major would be biology since it is essential for any medically related career. Even with my love for sciences and health a baseball career has always been my lifelong dream in which I plan to pursue with every ounce of effort I have in my body. The combination of these two desires play a massive role in my decision of where I will be attending college. The exact college I will be attending greatly rests upon which school recruits me to play baseball. The ideal path is to receive a scholarship to attend USF or St Leo. If that unfortunately does not occur I will most likely attend a two-year NJCAA school and transfer into a four-year university. Basically, I wish to attend a school that has a well-known Pre-Med program that will also offer me a scholarship to play baseball. Once I finish my major schooling if I am not drafted I will be continuing the medical educational path that will later lead to my career choice as an Orthopedic Physician. Whether my career is a professional baseball player or an orthopedic physician I will prioritize having a healthy lifestyle. I consistently go to the gym and eat healthy and organic foods to maintain a healthy diet and we'll continue this through my entire life.

Family is one of the most important things I have in my life and it plays a substantial role in my everyday life. My mother and my brother have both motivated and supported me throughout my time in Boy Scouts. My brother is currently following my footsteps and is also a part of Troop 46 and he wants to also become an Eagle Scout. My Dad was in scouting and made it up to the rank of Life. He never finished and told my mom a few times that he regretted not becoming an Eagle Scout, so a driving force in my desire to become an Eagle Scout is knowing how much he would have loved to see me accomplish it.

As for my life into the future, I do hope I have a kid that will also be interested in scouting and one day become an Eagle Scout. The life lessons I've learned from scouting and the people I've bonded with will no doubt serve as inspiration to take me through my adult life, and continue to remind me that I can be successful with hard work and perseverance.

Cooper

Ambition Statement

One of my ambitions is to get a 2-year degree when I graduate high school, and graduate college with a master's degree. To do this, I plan on getting straight A's, and finishing the Collegiate program at Armwood High School.

Life Purpose

My life purpose is to help others. By having a smile on my face, being cheerful, and trustworthy, helps people who may not be having a good day to forget about it for a little while, and relax. I also want to implement all the 12 points of the Scout Law into my life as well.

Positions held in various organizations and awards earned:

- Vice president of my Elementary School NEHS
- Won my 5th grade Districts Science Fair
- Districts finalist in 3rd 4th and 5th grade Science Fairs
- Varsity swimmer
- Principal's Honor Roll for the majority of my school career
- Over 200 volunteer hours in one summer
- Bronze Presidential Service award 2017
- Arrow of Light Award
- 4-time Patrol Leader
- National Student Ambassador participant

Aiden

Life Ambition Statement

As of the moment I am writing this, I am set on becoming a biomedical engineer, to put it simply, I feel as if I was put on this planet to give each person the best possible life they can have, and I mean this in the physical sense.

I am a senior in high school with goals of going to a school called Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. I play baseball and am a part of numerous clubs in school. I am in National Honor Society and ranked 5th in my class. However, there is so much more to my accolades. As a spiritual person, I am a Methodist. But I also consider myself a humanist. I believe there is nothing greater on this physical planet than the power of human drive and free will.

Currently I have been sidelined from baseball due to its surgery known as Tommy John. With this I see in myself a desire, to drive to regain and better myself. A force that all people contain within them. Even though the surgery was a personal setback, I see it as a sign from above. It has given me a realization of what I would want to do with my life. If I were to pursue biomedical engineering like I would like to do I would be designing better components for doctors to use, and I would like to specialize in things used for surgeries. And even though I am not very squeamish and could perhaps pursue a medical degree altogether, I still feel as though this would combine my love for mathematics and my skills of problem solving.

I go to a gym that is specific for upper-level athletic athletes (high school, college, professional) and I have volunteered there as a coach many times. This gym is owned and operated by a man who has taught me so much. Over the course of the time I have been there, I have learned about how the human body functions and moves, how did better a person's physical ability, and how to not only combine physical and mental States, but also separate them. With volunteering, I have been able to help others. And this has helped me realize that I can make a difference one person at a time.

Even though I feel that my strengths are helping people one-on-one, Boy Scouts has taught me how to deal with larger groups of people. I have held the leadership position of Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. Learning and understanding my ability beyond my comfort level has shown what I am capable of. Going through the years of work, all the steps it has taken, and coming close to achieving the rank of eagle has helped set me into a good standing for my future.

Using the skills that I have learned, I will be very active in the near future to reach my overall goal of becoming a biomedical engineer. Going off to college is the first step. I plan on doing internships in college so that I may stay ahead of the game and so that I can graduate with my foot in the door in my profession.

I am the kind of person who enjoys to discover new things. Whether it be music or concepts, I want to push human knowledge to the limit when it comes to the limits of the human body. I believe that God has given me the opportunity to help other people at all times; keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight so that I may encourage and allow

people to do the same. I also believe that he gave me the opportunity to be a Boy Scout to advance my self-awareness to these issues. Boy Scouts has given me the chance to do something that no other organization has done allowed me to discover in myself a new and better version of me.

Outside of boyscouts I have been the captain of my high school baseball team for three years, and I am the treasurer of my school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society.

David

Life Ambition Statement

I first joined scouting as a Tiger in Pack 334 in St. Pete, FL. I watched my brother do many fun things as a Boy Scout and I wanted to be like him. As time went on, I received the Arrow of Light. I slowly began to realize that Scouting was more than me, it was about becoming a leader while still having fun at the same time.

Eventually, I reached the age to join Boy Scouts. As a young Scout, I was at first a little scared about going to summer camp, but I stuck with it. I went to nine summer camps over the next four years. One of my hopes in Scouting was to join the Order of the Arrow like my dad and brother. I was elected to the OA in 2015 and completed my Ordeal with Timuquan Lodge in January 2016. I went on to seal my OA membership with Uh-To-Ye-Hut-Tee Lodge. Some of my best memories in Scouting are from when I went to the 2017 National Jamboree and the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2018. All my Scouting trips make me happy and I joined this great organization. I could not have done many of these activities without Scouting.

During my time as a scout, I've gained a lot of confidence by holding the position of senior patrol leader, being a part of the OA ceremonies team, and working on my Eagle project. It really helps when meeting and dealing with people. I plan on staying involved with Scouting and the OA for as long as possible. The people I have met over the course of my Eagle project have become my friends, and I look forward to giving back to this organization.

After high school, I want to go to the University of Florida. I am considering a major in computer science and a minor in cyber security. I want to be a computer security analyst. I love computers, so if I could make them into a career, that would be fantastic.

Cameron

We are writing this letter of recommendation for our son common Cameron, in pursuit of his Eagle rank for the Boy Scouts. As parents of four boys in scouting, we can say without a doubt Cameron represents the qualities one would expect from an Eagle Scout. Cameron consistently lives the twelve core values, and expresses them in his daily life with everything he does. Cameron doesn't know the word quit, and do your best and be prepared are things that you see whenever Cameron tries something new.

Let us explain a little more in detail who Cameron is. Cameron was born with Asperger, and though high on the Spectrum, many expect him not to try. He has overcome many obstacles of "this would be easier" or "maybe he is better suited in something with less of this", Cameron doesn't use his disability as a reason he can't try. He tries everything with enthusiasm and with an end goal in mind that he will accomplish it.

He has come a long way from the shy, quiet Cub Scout, being in outer participant through tigers and wolves, he started to show more and more enthusiasm for nature and science. Scouting helped him learn about the world around him, open doors to a part of his mind that helped him strive in all he tries. Cameron has taken almost all new nature merit badges, trainings to be more help to the environment, and helping woodwork projects to better the environment and around our neighborhoods. When he started high school he chose the Aquaculture and Water Management at Lakewood High School to be more involved with helping the world around him, he states it's because he loves the environment around us and why it's important part of our world.

Cameron has grown, he has made an amazing strides in achieving what some will tell him he couldn't do. We could say that can't is not used in his vocabulary. Cameron has taken everything he learned in Cub Scouts with "do your best" and scouting with "be prepared" and made sure he did both. Cameron is on the track team, vice president of the Garden Club, secretary of the Thespians Club, a student ambassador for AMSET at Lakewood High School, and active member of the Order of the Arrow, has applied and staffed many camps as an instructor and never has Cameron and intimidated or think I am not a good fit for something, instead he takes his faults as he puts them and strives to show everyone that no matter your issues you can do anything you put your mind to even if it scares you.

Cameron's current scary leap is moving from high school to college. He has decided that being a forest ranger is what he wants to be, that his love and scouting and his love for the nature that surrounds us needs protecting and needs others to be educated on how to protect our world that being a ranger would help him achieve his goal. He is taking this goal very seriously, improving his grades, writing essays and getting letters from teachers and scouters to help him achieve his dream of attending University of Kentucky in the forestry college as a freshman in 2019. We have no doubt Cameron will achieve this goal, as he takes it on like any other goal that has been part before him.

Cameron is an Eagle Scout, helping others, overcoming adversity and self-doubt, striving to improve that which is around him all the while teaching others by leading the example. We are his parents and of course very supportive of him, we know without a doubt that Cameron is truly an inspiration for scouters around us as he fights daily to overcome the stereotype while he improves the environment and his own life. We are very proud of his accomplishments in life and now his dreams are bigger than what we ever imagined for him.

Sean

Statement of Life Ambitions and Life Purpose

I started scouts as a Tiger Scout, and have love scouting ever since. New ranks and badges were fun to achieve and there were plenty of friends to make. When I got my Arrow of Light and moved on to boyscout, I quickly became a leader. In Boy Scouts, I spent a lot of my time as a senior patrol leader, making meeting plans and teaching others using the edge method. I helped with many events and programs, from simply running troop campouts to being Crew President at the National Jamboree.

Beyond scouting, I am currently on a path to being a an automotive technician, as I'm employed at Hyundai of New Port Richey and I go to school at Marchman Technical College. I hope to become a service manager one day, and from there venture on into regional service manager.

However, I still plan on being a scout. By that, I mean staying true to the scout law, motto, and oath in my everyday life, as it has helped me in the past with jobs and playing a role as a good citizen.

Even though my scouting career is coming to an end as a youth, and my automotive career may be starting, scouting will always play an important role in my life, making decisions, leading others, and helping those in need.

Sean

Alexander

Hello my name is Alexander and my goal in life is to make games. Not much else I want to become a game designer and programmer to make worlds that people can enjoy. Also, hopefully not be forgotten to the sands of time in the process.

I have been a troop guide and librarian since I recieved my life scout. As a troop guide, I have worked with the new scouts to obtain scout rand, tenderfoot and second class. As a librarian, I have reviewed the merit badge books and retrieved books as asked. At elementary school, I was in the morning show and had to work with a team. In middle school, I was a member of the orchestra. As a member of the local chess club I have received awards. As a member of 7th grade Avid Club I received an achievement award for outstanding student. I have received principal honor roll on multiple occasions as well as honor roll.

James

Personal:

I am 14 years old and currently enjoying my summer before beginning my freshman year of high school. I currently live with my parents, grandmother, younger brother, younger sister, and two cats.

Education and Religion:

During my middle school year career, I maintained either high academic honor roll or Principal's Honor Roll. I was the only student athlete to make the school soccer team and school track and field team all three years of middle school. I was a member of the science club, National Junior Honor Society, robotics team, and office assistant. In my church, I am part of the youth group and help assist the children's Sunday School class by helping lead worship songs and assisting the teachers. I am currently taking a young communicant class in order to become a full member of the church.

Interest and Activities:

I enjoy many other activities. I am part of the inaugural Lightning Made "Guide the Thunder" program that teaches students how to play hockey and guides them through a mentor program. I enjoy playing hockey as well as watching. I enjoyed a position on the robotics STEM team at my middle school, often leading presentations for the administrators on visits to elementary schools. I created and programmed more than 10 robots for class and school competitions as well as my own entertainment. I like to build models using Legos and have built replicas of the US Capitol Building as well as sites from London, Sydney, Venice and Berlin.

Scouting Positions:

As a Cub Scout I earned the Arrow of Light. When I became a Boy Scout I served as an Assistant Patrol Leader for my patrol within the troop. Then I was elected to the position of Patrol Leader for 6 months. I was then elected to Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for 6 months and reached the level of Senior Patrol Leader for a 6-month period after that. I currently serve as the Outdoor Ethics Guide, a position I've held for 6 months. I have attended scout summer camps at Camp Rainey Mountain, Camp Woodruff, and in Washington DC . I also currently serve as Den Chief to pack 246.

Goals and Ambitions:

My first goal is to excel in all of my studies in high school. I plan on attending college to obtain a degree in political science with hopes to possibly attend law school and enter into a political office. I would also like to be either an Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member to give back to scouting and help others because of everything that scouting has given to me.

Colin

Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose

When I think about future goals, I look back on my scouting career and realize how much it has prepared me for life's challenges and opportunities. Since joining Troop 610, I have been a patrol leader, medic, webmaster and scribe throughout my time in scouts. Each position presented its challenges and taught me some lessons. By facing the challenges that were present in these positions, I have learned that one always must be prepared for what lies ahead and embrace the challenges.

I am currently in the ninth grade at Newsome High School. I greatly enjoy science classes, history and debate. I am also a member of the Chess Club. After graduation, I dream about obtaining Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Science and attend Nova Southeastern University with a goal of becoming a doctor of Optometry. Why doctor of Optometry? My grandfather has mascular degeneration and is slowly losing his central vision. Despite best attempts made by his doctor to preserve his eyesight, I have seen firsthand the challenges and effects that loss of vision has on an individual. By becoming an eye doctor, I want to help people correct and preserve their vision, I want to work on researching the cause of degenerative eye disorders and finding the cure. I want to help people to see the vibrant beauty of every day with clear vision.

I will continue to be an active member of my church. Our parish is a very small and close-knit community of Eastern European immigrants. Going to a Sunday mass is a great spiritual and cultural experience that brings me back to my roots. Our pastor, Father Harry, is an epitome of priesthood. He inspires and motivates me to be a better Christian.

Scouting has taught me the value of volunteer work. Even a small contribution of one hour every Saturday can make a huge impact on someone's life and community. I want to be involved in volunteer groups like United Way, Habitat for Humanity and contribute to a great cause of helping people globally by joining Doctors Without Borders.

Matthew

My Life's Ambitions

The Boy Scouts of America is a program I hold near and dear to my heart. It is responsible for molding me into the man I am today, let alone countless others. Without it, this world would be missing out on hundreds of fantastic leaders. "Do a good turn daily". These five words are what Inspire young men to make the world a better place, including me. Every morning when I wake up, after I brush my teeth and comb my hair and recite the morning "Sh'ma", I ask myself "How can I help out today?" It's not every day that you can easily answer that question, that is precisely why you must go out and search for that answer.

As I previously stated, the Boy Scouts of America have played a huge important part in my life. I have been involved in the program since the very beginning of Cub Scouts as a Tiger Cub. From there I steadily climbed the ranks until I crossed over into Boy Scouts in 2011. In my time during boyscout I have made lifelong friends, learn countless life lessons, and led in various leadership roles such a Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Chaplains Aid. Through each of these rolls I have come to realize that Boy Scouts really does prepare you for the real world. Through my time as Chaplains Aid and especially a Senior Patrol Leader, I have become immensely more comfortable with public speaking, which is made me an even more confident musician as well.

Just recently I have graduated from Howard W. Blake High School for Performing Arts, and my time there definitely would not have been the same if I had not gone through Boy Scouts. Thanks to the countless hours of leadership training (ILST) and Leadership experience, I was inspired to make my own club back in my sophomore year in 2016. That club was called the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Club. Our purpose is to spread cheerfulness and create a lasting positive impact on the students and faculty of Blake High School. I have passed on the leadership responsibilities to a select few people that I think are capable, so hopefully my legacy at Blake high school will last.

It's now summer, I have a high school diploma in one hand and a lot of motivation in the other, so where too? I'll tell you where, my plan for the next 5 years sees me going into college of course. I will be enrolling in HCC for all of my core classes, and after a couple of years when it that's all knocked out of the way, on to USF. I will be applying for their music education program as I would like to stay within the field of music, but I also want to guarantee a successful future, an idea that's very hard to accomplish in such a field. However, with my prior leadership training and skills, such as the EDGE method and countless other ILTS lessons I believe I am more qualified to take on such a career. My ultimate goal is to graduate USF with a Phd in music education and teach music in a college environment. In my later years, I will still be living by the scout oath and law-it's a very important part of my life right now, why stop? When I marry and have children, I will without a doubt be enrolling them into cub scouts and, later, Boy Scouts. I can't pass up an opportunity like that.

Christopher

As I enter the final stretch of my journey towards obtaining my Eagle Scout rank, I've looked back on my life, my career as a Scout, and how the two of impacted one another. Participating in the cub and boy scouts give me the skills and opportunities to serve and several leadership positions in a variety of organizations. It also helped me get an idea of what I may want to do with my life when I graduate from Plant High School in 2020.

For me, Scouting was a lot of things. It was a teacher, teaching me valuable life skills that would help me in and outside of the classroom. I learned everything from how to start a fire to how to study fingerprints. I'll never forget the skills and see myself making use of at least a few of them for the rest of my life. Scouting was also an opportunity for me to socialize. Through Scouts, I met many people that I am still close with to this day and most likely will remain close to for the foreseeable future. Finally, scouting was a place for me to mature. I was in Middle School (a time which I experienced a lot of mental and physical growth) when my involvement with scouting was the deepest. My participation in scouting events influenced me to act more mature with my peers and take School more seriously as I entered high school. I now take school very seriously and as a result have earned two years of consecutive Straight A's in all my classes, three of which are AP level courses.

Along with participating in Scouts, where I served as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader from May 2015 to January 2016, the Troop Historian from October 2014 to May 2015, the Assistant Patrol Leader of the Honey Badger Patrol from April 2014 to November 2014, and Patrol Leader of the Honey Badger Patrol from November 2013 to April 2014, earned the Arrow of Light award, help to rebuild a youth center at Sacred Heart Academy under the leadership of former scoutmaster David Boyd, hiked a 50 mile section of the Appalachian Trail in the summer of 2016, and helped in at least 20 different Eagle projects(not including my own), I've accomplished and been part of a variety of activities in organizations since I arrived in Florida in 2010. I've attended the 10 a.m. Sunday service at St Mary's Episcopal Church regularly for 7 years, and served as an Acolyte from when I was 11 to when I was 14. I participated in the youth soccer program at the YMCA from when I was 12 to when I was 14. When I was attending Middle School at Woodrow Wilson Middle School, I was a member of the National Junior Honor Society during my 8th grade year and made the Honor Roll every year. As a high schooler, I've been a member of the Beta Club since my 10th grade year and am now serving as a member of the board. I ran on the track and field team during my 9th grade year. Last year I was inducted into both the National Honor and Spanish Honor Societies. I have also been involved in the film club since the end of my ninth-grade year and will be serving as the club vice-president during the school year. At home I taught myself to play the guitar and I'm currently teaching myself Japanese.

Given that I'm entering my 11th grade year, I'm beginning the process of deciding what to do during the next phase of my life. I know I would like to attend college of some kind, so I'm looking at schools in Florida and in the surrounding states to see where I might want to attend when I graduate. During my search, I'm making sure to keep my grades as high as I possibly can. I don't know exactly what I want to major in or what I want to do for a living after I graduate. I have a wide variety of interests and I'm still learning about myself every day, so I don't feel like I can make that decision with confidence just yet. I do have a few small goals that I'd like to be able to achieve in my adult life. I would like to travel all over the world, especially to Japan, Ireland, Brazil, Canada, and South Korea. I want to live in a

big city, perhaps New York or Chicago. I'd like to learn German, Mandarin, and Arabic. I also want to own a pet of some kind. Maybe a kitten or an otter. Regardless of what I end up doing, I know that I'll never forget the lessons I learned, the friends I made, and the adventures I had while I was in Scouts. They're the kind of things that stick with you forever.

Joseph

Requirement 6: Ambition Statement

I believe my life purpose is to help other people and obey the scout law while still having a great time. I would like to attend a 4-year university to study Computer science after I complete my Associates degree (since I have college credits from my AP classes in high school) in a local community college to start out. Some of the colleges I am considering to attend are Florida Institute of Technology, University of South Florida or Florida State University.

My plans for after school are to get a well-paying job, so that I can support my family and donate to my troop. Once I have children, then I would hope to incorporate them into scouts like what my father did with my two brothers and I in cub scouts and on to boy scouts. Going to every meeting, Camporees, Summer + Winter camps and weekend camp outs really exercised my love for scouting with all the great times I had with my friends while still working toward Eagle.

I have had many leadership positions in my troop and throughout my life starting with My positions of Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Counselor at a Tech Camp, Junior counselor at a Tech Zone camp and Chaplin's Aide for Troop 110. I also have earned a series of awards such as the arrow of light, my Troop's Leadership award (for helping other scouts), a Spirit award in my band, and Tech manager in my church. So far, OI have served 2 years as a Patrol leader one year before serving as Senior Patrol leader for a year and a half.

I am proud to have earned 44 merit badges while a member of Troop 110 (many were earned through summer camps and Merit Badge Academies), my Totem and Firemen's chit and I was vote in by my Troop to join the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society, I completed my ordeal without flinching and I plan to continue as an active member of the OA.

Drew

Goals and Ambitions

I want to be successful and happy in my life. My goal is to obtain a college education that will help me provide for my family and give back to the community. I would like to study aerospace engineering because this is a career that appeals to me. In engineering you need to be able to solve problems on the go and think critically. Since my goal is also to give back to the community, I can use these problem solving and critical thinking skills to my advantage. If there is a community in the world that needs access to water, I can use my problem solving skills to come up with a solution to get them clean, purified water.

Throughout my experiences in scouting, I've held the positions of Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Librarian, and I am currently the Order of the Arrow Representative. From these positions I have learned different skills. Being a Patrol Leader, I learned to listen to everyone and their opinion and input in order to successfully lead my Patrol. At the time, I was the "new scout" Patrol Leader. This meant I was in charge of all the new or young scouts. The younger scouts were more energetic and this meant I had to adapt and learn to control them. These skills I learned as a patrol leader can translate into the real world to. If I become a CEO or if I am in charge of anyone, these servant leadership skills can be used to manage my team and make sure we work as efficiently as possible.

If I had not joined Scouts when I was six, I would not be the person I am today. My goal is to be happy by going to college and getting an education and aerospace engineering where I will give back to my community and provide for my family.

Alexander

Dear Eagle Board Committee,

The attainment of my Eagle Rank is more to me than just another scouting rank. It is the dream I had since I first joined Scouts. The journey to Eagle has taught me many skills and lessons that I will continue to use throughout my entire life. I have made many friends and I plan to give back by helping the Troop and my community with skills and leadership I have learned.

My plans for the future may be a little different from the average Eagle Scout candidate. Being how I am just now entering high school, I am not sure what I want to do for a career. I really enjoy designing and building things as well as helping people. I have been accepted into the Engineering program at Eastlake High School and plan on taking the Biomedical track because this field has both aspects of what I really enjoy. As I am exploring different opportunities in high school this will lead me on a path to college to earn a degree. Once I finish up with Boy Scouts, I still have a whole life ahead of me. The skills I have learned from Scouting will definitely benefit me as I experience new things in life. I have many goals that I would like to accomplish. I would like to have a successful career with a good pay, a nice house, and eventually a family. After college, I want to continue to help contribute to my community and help others by volunteering for an organization. I have put a lot of hours into community service and I find it rewarding because at the end of the day something has been accomplished and everyone is happy.

I have had lots of volunteering experience. I was the Assistant Patrol Leader for our Troops 2016 summer camp. The past 3 summers, I have volunteered at the Cub Scout Day camp, and have served as the camps ASPL. As for my Troop, over the course of the years I enjoyed helping the Quartermaster, Bugler, and Chaplin's Aide. Librarian and finally Patrol Leader. One thing scouting has done for me is to help build character and learn values. In fifth grade, I was selected out of my entire class to represent my school in Washington D.C to hang a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. That was an honor and an experience I will never forget. When I was in 6th grade, my math project was selected by Raytheon for the first place in their competition and earned me a scholarship. In 7th grade, the team of teachers selected me to be the 'Top Eagle' of the entire class because of my character, willingness to help others and my overall scholastic achievements. I have also earned honor roll and perfect attendance in perfect attendance in school every semester. An honor I received in scouting was being selected to be part of the Order of the Arrow.

In summary, I will not lose sight of what I gotten from this great experience so far. Whatever path I go down I will use my scouting skills I have learned and continue to do my part in making the world a better place. I want to have a great impact on my family, on society, and the people around me.

Sincerely,

Alexander

Mason

Eagle Life Purpose Statement

I started my scouting experience in Cub Scouts when I joined Pack 212 as a Wolf Scout. I was very active in Cub Scouts and I enjoyed going to meetings, outings and campouts. It was easy to like, some of my best friends were also Cub Scouts and the things we did were a lot of fun. Well I was at Cub Scout, I also took create karate training and achieved the rank of orange belt. Also started playing baseball and stayed with it until I begin playing on my high school wrestling team. I am a four-year varsity Letterman and wrestling. Since I was in third grade, I have played sports of some kind, wrestling being my favorite. I hope to continue to wrestle in the army.

As a Cub Scout, I earned the Arrow of Light award and 20 WEBELOS belt loops. I crossed into Troop 212 at the end of fifth grade with my friends. That June, I went to my first summer camp with the troop. We went to Flaming Arrow in Lake Wales, FL. I have never experienced anything like that. I was dirty and tired but I had so much fun. The following summer we went to camp rainy mountain in northern Georgia. I couldn't believe that I was getting to go camping out of state, with a bunch of my friends and without my parents. Then, when I got there the experience was better than I thought. First, we were in the mountains, and all the activities were great. My favorite was swamping the canoe. The whole experience confirm that Boy Scouts was for me. I continued to attend our weekly troop meetings and participated in activities, camp outs, and summer camps as much as possible. I remember my scoutmaster, Mark Rose, saying if you attend meetings and participate, you will advance easily.

When I was 14, I went to The Summit with a group from my troop led by our scoutmaster, Mark Rose. He was able to schedule us a custom itinerary and we had a wonderful time. When I was 16, I went to Northern Tier with a group of friends from my Troop. Mr. and Mrs. Innocenti went as adult leaders. During this trip I learned the meaning of overcoming challenges, perseverance and what it meant to work as a team. We spent seven days on the northern border waters canoeing, portaging, and camping. By the end of the trip, we traveled 90+ miles. When I was 17, I went to, Sea Base in the Florida Keys. This proved to me that I can do anything. Mr. Jeffreys, one of the scouts father, went with us and taught me how to fish. This year I was heading to Filmore Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Unfortunately I signed up a little late and was put on as an alternate because the roster was full. I won't get to go because I have aged out of scouts by the time they go. I am still on the waiting list, hoping to go as an Adventure Crew member. I have been very fortunate to have been able to go to so many high adventures.

I was a Patrol Leader a couple times while at Boy Scouts. My last leadership role was as Senior Patrol Leader. During my tenure as SPL, we camp several times and had a lot of fun. I love camping, swimming, and hunting. Scouting has been vital for me because my father was not in the picture and my mother passed away early. My grandmother has always cared for me and encouraged me to stay in scouting. Troop 212 has been the best group for me! Scouting has influenced my growth as a person.

There were times when I wasn't sure if I would continue in scouts as it was sometimes hard for me to manage school, sports, and scouts if it wasn't for family and friends, I might have let it go.

I am very glad I didn't as I feel that my scouting experiences in the leadership skills that I've developed because of scouting may have made me a more confident person. It has helped me know that I can tackle challenges and persevere. I am more confident than I can achieve goals because I have success in setting goals for achieving rank and earning merit badges.

My ambition is to join the Army. I plan to enlist in February on my birthday. I would very much like to be a medic and make the military my career of choice. This is something that I wanted to do since I was very young. Both of my grandfathers were in the military and I think they would be proud of my choice. I am in the JROTC at Steinbrenner High School this year. Overall, I think scouting has given me some valuable skills for my road ahead and I plan to use the skills to be able to get where I want to be and do what I want to do in life.

Connor

Life Statement

I am currently a junior in Middleton high school as part of the technology and computer magnet program. At school I am most interested in building construction, game and simulation design, in 3-D animation. I do very well in all three. I make all A's and B's.

At Middleton, I'm currently involved in the Band, Cross-Country, and Track teams, as well as the Gaming Club. I'm very interested in music. I play saxophone and trombone and both the Marching and Concert bands.

Some of my accomplishments so far include Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Senior Patrol leader, Band Equipment Manager, Districts for Track, and the Positive Coaching Alliance.

After I finish high school I plan to attend Florida Polytechnical University and major in Game Design. After I finish with college I plan to go work for Bethesda Game Studios.

My goal in life is to enable people to go out and make their communities the way they would like it to be. I believe that if everyone works to see their own goals realized, the world will be a much more productive and happier place.

I have gotten a lot out of scouting. I think the most important thing about scouting is that it prepares you for life and teaches you things that you can't learn anywhere else.

Austin

Letter of Ambition

One of my ambitions is to go to college, get a good education and become an automotive design engineer. To do this, I plan to get excellent grades (straight A's) in high school and take engineering related courses. I have met and talked to several people including my high school teachers and relatives and although I realize I may change my mind, right now I want to pursue my dream of becoming an automotive design engineer. I know the next three years of high school I will need to develop my skills in math and science classes. I hope to join other high school sports like track and try out for the high school baseball team. For extra curriculum activities through school I am working on joining clubs such as STEM. Activities I had in school have been a member of my high school JROTC my ninth grade year and will continue through my 10th grade year because like Boy Scouts, and has taught me leadership through activities and competitions. I have a member of AVID since eighth grade. Activities outside of school have been volunteering within the community at RVR Horse Rescue, Homes for Heroes, and Honor Flight. I play baseball and Boy Scouts. I enjoy going to car shows like Barrett Jackson, Mecum, and Good Guys as well as skateboarding, airsoft, and video games. Last year I had attended the U.S. Army Ranger Camp in Georgia. This camp provided a personnel challenge and confidence building to better myself. I'm a member of the Saint Stephen's Catholic Church and have obtained my Catholic confirmation.

My life purpose is to be successful in everything I do-to my best. That does not necessarily mean that I am good or will be good at everything I do, but at least I tried. Once I graduate from high school, I plan to go to college to get a good career which pays well to support me and eventually a family. To continue my education further with a 4-Year College followed by my Masters Degree in Engineering. I am researching now the best schools to go to for Automotive Design Engineering. University of Michigan and Texas A & M seem to be the top schools which would also allow me to do an internship with Kettering University formally known as the General Motors Institute for Engineering. Activities I plan on participating in during college is possibly try out for their baseball team and taking on a part-time job to pay for my bills.

After obtaining my college degree my long-term career goal is to travel around the world and raising a family. I found Scouting and the leadership development has made me a more secure and confident person. I really appreciate all that Scouting has done for me and what a great experience it has been. Once I get the rank of Eagle, I would like to be a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM) so I can help the adults and scouts get where I am today.

Positions Held in Various Organizations and Awards Earned:

1. 51 Merit Badges
2. Arrow of Light award
3. Parvuli Dei Award
4. US Army Ranger Camp — Best Team Award
5. Boy Scouts Leadership Positions - Scribe, Historian, and Quartermaster
6. JROTCIC Position - Rank of Sergeant and Squad Leader

Jacob

My experiences in Boy Scouts have given me opportunities to explore areas of interest, future career options and to serving leadership positions in scouts, church, school, and many other activities.

My academic interests include science, history, mathematics, and learning new foreign languages. I enjoyed learning French last year and will take it again this year in school. After I graduate from high school, I will serve a mission for my church and then go to a good university that will open up greater career options for my future. I want to have a career in the medical field as either a surgeon or anesthesiologist. I would also like to play on my university's soccer and football teams.

When I joined boy scouts, I learned great survival skills and how to survive with almost nothing. I also learned to be a great leader. I became patrol leader twice in a row while in my first year in boy scouts. I am still currently serving as my troop's patrol leader. I was also 1st counselor in my deacons quorum and was president my second year with them. The Deacons quorum is a youth group for boys ages 12-13 years in my church. As the president, I have the responsibility to make sure the boys in my quorum are available to pass the sacrament to the congregation each week. I also plan weekly activities for our group and work with my counselors in preparing and doing the activities and visiting inactive quorum members to encourage them to come to church.

In preparation for college, I have been working hard to achieve straight A's and to get into honors classes. Since I had good grades and high test scores on the Florida State tests, I was selected to participate in the Duke University 7th grade talent search. As part of the program, I was invited to take the SAT at the end of my 7th grade year in preparation for high school. I got a 1010 on the SAT am working to improve on that score when I take it again in high school in 4 years. I also worked hard to complete merit badges and get my Eagle Scout project done. I hope that doing all this will help me get into a good college after I graduate from high school. But now that I am in 8th grade, I need to try and get straight A's so that I can get on the honor roll and into advanced classes in high school.

In addition to school and sports, I enjoy playing the piano and participating in theatre performances. For the past two summers, I have performed in musicals put on by the Missoula Children's Theatre for the families at MacDill Air Force Base. The musicals we did were "The Princess Frog" and "Robin Hood".

Some of my favorite scouting service projects include putting flowers on the grave sites at the Punchbowl Cemetery in Honolulu, Hawaii; serving dinner at the Ronald MacDonald house for patients and their families staying in the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City Utah; creating craft projects for patients staying in the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah; and helping box meals for children in Puerto Rico after the hurricanes hit that area last year. I like that scouting focuses on serving others and I plan to continue serving in my community and troop.

James

Statement of Life Ambition

I figured out sometime in 5th or 6th grade that I wanted to be a lawyer. I don't know how the idea came to me, it just gradually formed somehow. But I didn't know what kind of lawyer I wanted to be, all I knew was that I didn't want to sit at a desk all day, simply signing papers. I wanted to be active in the courtroom, helping people.

In the spring of 2015 I was elected to be part of The Order of the Arrow. I completed my ordeal in the fall of that year. It was around this time when my life became fixated on service to others. To this date, I have completed six ordeals, excluding my own. In the Boy Scouts of America, we hear the phrase "servant leadership" often. However, I believe that we cannot understand servant leadership without understanding service. Not only is service essential to a good character, service can inspire others around you.

I aspire to spend my life in service, as a lawyer with the military. After this, I would like to run for public office and serve my country in many ways as I can, possibly running for office as the President of the United States. The one thing I don't want to be is forgotten. I want to leave some positive mark on the world, something to be remembered by. This is one reason I wanted a monumental Eagle Scout Project. The only thing that made the project better for me was the fact that I could display and exemplify the often under-represented twelfth point of the Scout Law; "A Scout is Reverent".

I have attempted to set myself up for success in this plan by practicing my servant leadership in as many different venues as I can; as Vice Chief Administration for the Netopolis Tachquiwi Chapter in Uh-To-Ye-Hut-Tee Lodge 89, as OA Rep, Troop Guide, and ASPL in Troop 45, as a Handicraft Counselor at Camp Powhatan in Hiwassee, VA, and as a Flight Commander in AFJROTC unit 2008-3. In this AFJROTC program, I was recognized with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Medal, a rare honor for a first year Cadet. The certificate reads, "For exemplary leadership demonstrated while enrolled in a Junior Reserve Officer's Training Course."

Over the years, I've been complimented and insulted, peer-pressured and appreciated. I've experienced lots of things, and plan to experience lots more. But through it all, I plan on practicing servant leadership.

Robert
BSA Troop 61, Phoenix Patrol
BSA EAGLE SCOUT APPLICATION
AMBITION STATEMENT

I have been in scouting since I was 6 years old and a Tiger Cub. At first, I participated because my mom made me, but after time, it became fun and something I was interested in doing, so I stayed with it. I have made and kept good friends and scouting since I was a cub, like Kyler and Ryan, who are still in Scouts and also working towards their Eagle Scout ranks. I have great memories of camping, cooking, starting fires, earning my Whittling Chip and learning helpful skills, like first aid and safety, which have made me a better person in life. My mom has always been a leader in Cub Scouts, and I appreciate her being involved and helping to make my experience positive. I was proud to finish Cub Scouts and earn my Arrow of Light, crossing over to Troop 61 in 2012.

As a Boy Scout, I have learned many skills that will help me as an adult. Earning all of my merit badges has been a very valuable experience, and many Scouts and Adult Leaders have helped me along the way. Sometimes it was hard and frustrating working with others, mainly because of my ADHD, but it was a good learning experience. I learn to be more patient, how to listen to others and cooperate on a team. I also learned how to teach younger Scouts. I used some of the skills from Scouting in middle school and high school. I joined the JROTC in 9th grade and stayed in it for 3 years. Because I had an interest in Scout shooting sports and was a pretty good shot, I tried out for the JROTC rifle team and participated for a year at Newsome High School. Also, as a First Class Scout, I attended NYLT at Flaming Arrow. That was a good leadership course which helped me and my Troop when I was a Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Finally, I joined the Troop 61 hiking crew and went on the AT last summer for a week. That was challenging, but also it felt really good to finish and earn my 50-miler, as well as my Silver National Outdoor Award for Camping.

I hope that as an adult, my Scouting experience will help me be an independent, self-sufficient, contributing member of society. I feel like it has prepared me for life. I plan to finish high school, attend Community College for my AA and then transfer to the University of Florida to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration or Marketing. I have an entrepreneurial spirit, so I see myself running my own company someday, as well as giving back to my community, and hopefully people will choose to do business with me because I am an Eagle Scout.

Daniel

My Future

The future can be a scary thought, with many uncertainties and challenges ahead. But one of the best things about the future is that it promises a change for change. I have been part of many great experiences in my lifetime, but none of them can compare to the time that I have spent in Boy Scouts of America. I hope to use my experiences from scouting and life to go to school at Florida State University, where I hope to major in Political Science and go on to attend law school. Over time I hope to start my own practice, but more importantly I hope to become an involved member of my community. One of the things that I am most proud of is that whatever I am part of, I am fully involved and it becomes a part of who I am. Wherever I end up living, I want to make things better for those around me. I want to make life easier for those I meet and I want to make sure that the foundational principals of this country are understood by those all across our great nation and the world. I want some day to start a family and teach my own children these lessons and the ones that I have learned in scouting. I want them to appreciate all the beauty in nature that surrounds them and how important it is to protect and preserve it. I want to be the best person I can be for myself and those around me. I want to support scouting in any way I possibly can and spread those lessons I learned from it with those around me. The future holds much in store for me that I cannot even begin to predict. But what I do know is that whatever I do, I am better prepared for it from the experiences I have gained in scouting.

Levi

Statement of Life Goals and Ambitions

I have many goals I would like to complete in my life, but all of them consolidate into one thought, I want to enjoy the act of creating something. The feeling of being immersed in a singular task based in creativity is what currently drives me forward. Presently I do this through digital sculpting, a subset of 3-D modeling that acts as digital clay and 3-D printing. To re-iterate my previously stated goal into something more tangible; I want to be able to sustain myself through a job involving enjoyment of the act of creation. In simpler terms, I would like a creative job that I enjoy. To get there I have to do quite a few things. The first thing that I am doing is getting an A.A. degree when I graduate high school through the dual enrollment program. Next year I will be going to UCF in order to work on a bachelors degree program in digital arts. While industry veterans agree that a bachelors degree may not matter, but rather the quality of a portfolio, I will be earning a degree while I have the time. To fund my bachelors I will be doing absolutely everything I can to keep afloat in Orlando, whether I work at a fast food restaurant, working at a grocery store, or waiting on tables. One notable job that I have looked into is the design and production prosthetics at Halloween horror nights and hollow scream, which are park wide horror attractions at Universal and Busch Gardens respectively. This would give me the skill to be able to create prosthetics for people with anatomical conditions, such as missing ears, noses or limbs due to medical conditions or trauma.

I already do commission work with both designing parts and sculptures. I have also received offers for designing and printing jewelry that I plan on taking up next year. The biggest boon to this ambition is from Boy Scouts. Because of scouting I have learned a great deal about leadership and public speaking. From this eagle project alone I have learned how to properly plan a large project, track money, project the costs of materials, organize dates, people and things, and how to guide different kinds of individuals based on their skill level and attributes. This knowledge will be invaluable when I am working with teams of different sizes and with any number of goals such as doing CGI work for movies or creating statues. The skills I have learned in scouting will also help me when I am doing personal work and dealing with my perfect personal finances throughout my entire life.

Michael

Statement of Life Purpose and Ambitions

Ambitions:

Ever since I've been young I loved to help people. When I was a kid, my brother, grandfather and I would walk a mile up to Walmart every day to play the claw machines. We were all amazing at it. By the end of the day we would have a large bag filled with stuffed toys. We would take the bags home and pile them up in a back room. On Saturdays we would drive up to MacDill Air Force Base, load them into a cart and hand them out to children in military families. Some weekends we couldn't give all the toys away. When we had some left over we would bring them to the Pasco County Fire Rescue, the Police Station and St. Joseph's Hospital to give to any children there. We did this for around 5 or 6 years up until we went into middle school. This sparked my interest to the path of healthcare, not only is it an amazingly interesting profession but they also help anyone who walks through the door. In school I am currently going for my CNA certificate (certified nursing assistant) and after graduation I hope to go straight to work in the ER at St. Joseph's Hospital. As well as working in the hospital, I aspire to attend a four-year university and go on to achieve a Doctorate in Cardiology or a Masters to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Past and Present Awards and Acknowledgements:

I started my job at Tommy Hilfiger in April, within the two first weeks of my job I spent my time learning everything I could know to make me better at talking to customers and my fellow associates. In those two weeks I received Associate of the month due to my remarkable work ethic and my eagerness to learn and grow in the job. They asked me if I wanted this to be my career and I told them no, they then asked me why I would put so much work into a job I was not keen to keep, to that I said that I lived by what I learned in scouts and from my parents, "A job worth doing is worth doing well." That statement has stuck with me throughout my life and is a large factor in everything I do.

I have also joined the church's soccer team and helped them to achieve the championship for two seasons in a row. We started out as a few friends playing for fun but through team work and determination we are able to build upon our skill sets and work together to consecutively succeed throughout the seasons.

Through the church I chose to raise money to fund my trip to Washington DC to participate in the March for Life. This experience was important to me to participate in because of my passion for helping others and the importance of fighting for a cause. During this experience I had the opportunity to try to speak with politicians and learned more about specific legislation and policies, and through this try to make a change.

Aaron

Re: Personal Statement

Throughout my years of scouting from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, I've learned how to tie knots, first aid, and preparedness to name a few of many skills you learn in scouting. I've held many positions during scouting but enjoyed being an assistant patrol leader, Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, and most of all Senior Patrol Leader. During my positions, I've helped other Scouts learn new skills, participate in their Eagle Scout projects, and support them to their next ranks. While I was Star rank, there was a former scout that I looked up on while he was a Senior Patrol Leader. Once the former scout became an Eagle Scout, I found myself making my pathway to success by following his footsteps of being a leader. I'm currently the Senior Patrol Leader and the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative which I would like to become that person that someone follows to make their pathway.

While in middle school and high school, I've made many accomplishments. During Middle School, I was in the National Junior Honor Society and had Principal's Honor Roll all three years while attending Davidson Middle School. I'm currently a sophomore at Alonso High School with a weighted GPA greater than 4.0. This school year, I was inducted into the National Beta Club for academic excellence and achievement, character, leadership, and service. My strongest subjects are math and music and which I play the clarinet and alto saxophone since middle school. My next goal in school is to be included in the National Honor Society and becoming a leadership member in marching band. For college, I plan on attending University of South Florida for accounting.

Most kids are eager to start working but I would like to stay focused on schooling and Scouts; however, I do enjoy providing time to serve the community. When I serve the community, I receive a great feeling that my time is greatly appreciated from those in need. Right now, I have over 80 hours logged from volunteering at United Way, Feeding America, GTBAC, and Eagle Scout projects to name a few. My goal is to have around 200 hours once I graduate high school.

Video games are my hobby during free time on the weekends. I enjoy playing with the others as it get to build relationships with people from all around the world. It helps me learn techniques and provide others with my knowledge which helps build community of fun.

Personally, I have anxiety and fear; and have a goal to overcome these things and do things that I thought I could never do. For this band year, I participated in the All-County band auditions for a clarinet position. I have not received the results yet, but felt proud on taking a step forward, walking through the doors, and doing the audition. I wouldn't have made this accomplishment if I didn't set my goals, and learn how to be a leader outside of Scouts. My next goal is to audition for Solo & Ensemble and receive a personal music score.

Eagle rank is more than just a scout rank, it shows that you truly know what it takes to be a leader, and help those that are in need without a reward in return with family, friends, and the community. Having the eagle rank, others know that you can learn, develop, and sustain the guiding and education of life.

Elijah

Life and Ambitions

I joined scouting as a Bear Scout in elementary school, and ever since have been enjoying the sense of friendship and community that has brought me. Scouting has been responsible for not only the majority of the friendships that have occurred throughout my life, but also the most long-lasting, many of my friends today are those that I met in Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts. Most of the people within my initial pack helped to introduce me to scouting through the elementary school that we shared as children, eventually they helped me find a troop to join as a Boy Scout as well. My career as Boy Scout began when I started middle school with my first camp out being a Halloween camp staffed by my troop. To this day that campout has remained my favorite camping trip and an example to how I should both organize a camp and conduct myself around the younger scouts.

Scouting also served as my introduction into long-term leadership by giving me a consistent responsibility as my troop's librarian. I served in this position for many years, organizing and cataloging the different handbooks that my troop collected. However the first time I was responsible for my troop mates was when I was elected leader of my patrol who, at the time, was named the dragon patrol. I served only one term as patrol leader of dragon patrol and at the time considered it to have been the best experience of scouting yet. I eventually ended up going to a leadership training course known as the National Youth Leadership Training or NYLT for short. I learned more in that week of training than I had in my many years on my own, they taught me how to communicate effectively as well as how to direct work and conversation in a productive manner. After attending NYLT as a participant I was again elected leader of my patrol, now named Eagles in a near-unanimous vote. I realized after I completed my training at NYLT that I had improved leaps and bounds in leadership becoming much more effective at not only managing my patrol mates but also helping them be better leaders themselves. I'm immensely grateful and proud to have gone through NYLT and was extremely happy to receive the invitation to come back and participate as a staff member! During the course I was able to help not only my own troop mates but also every member who attended the course.

My plans for the future are, for the moment, clear in vision while somewhat lacking defined goals. I plan to attend college and get an education there, however I'm unsure at the moment at which university or college I should attend. I have thought of joining the University of South Florida, but I would like to keep myself open to all options. My end goal is to become an engineer, whatever kind however I'm still deciding. My goal no matter what type of engineer I end up becoming remains unchanged, I want to find ways to improve efficiency in modern society. In nearly all areas of modern living there's so much waste, both intentional (a plastic wrap or some that is thrown away for example) or accidental (an oil spill in the ocean for example) these inefficiency of modern and past societies drain our limited resources, and both my ambition and self-perceived purpose in life is to find a way to maximize humanity's potential for the future by making sure that our resources last as long as they can, or need to. In essence my ambition is for my work in life to allow humanity to survive longer than it would without me, a lofty but in my mind achievable goal in my lifetime.

Adam

Life Ambition Statement

I've been scouting since the first grade. I've learned a lot since then from BSA. I have learned that many things were not only fun, but we're also useful, like fishing or handling a knife properly. When I was in elementary school, I skipped the fourth grade, and I decided to skip the first year of Webelos, as well. This means I had only one year to finish the activity pins and the Arrow of Light. Not only did I do both of these things in one year, but I did all 20 activity pins. This help me learn that if you work hard, you will be rewarded with a sense of accomplishment. It also helped me learn how to do things quickly and not procrastinate. I've learned so much from camping: safety rules, leave no trace, and the best way to pack gear.

Currently, I go to Gibbs High School and I'm enrolled in the Pinellas County Center for the Arts (PCC) a magnet program at that school. My goal is to graduate from PCC with a 4.0 GPA, as valedictorian. I currently do not take any college courses this year, but I plan to take as many as I can over the next three years of high school. I have a main role in a short film at my school. I am on the wrestling team, in the Improv Troupe, a member of the Thespians.

After I graduate, I want to go to either USF or UCF for my undergraduate degree. I plan to major in engineering and minor in theater. After I graduate from college, my goal is to go to an engineering school and earn at least a master's degree. I am interested in mechanical engineering because I love building, designing and finding out how things work. To raise money to go to college, I want to get a part-time job at a Chick-fil-A because I love their food so much, or get a part-time job at a small place like a restaurant that will pay me to perform on stage.

When I'm awarded my Eagle Scout rank, I plan on continuing in scouting to earn all of the Eagle Palms, assist with a troop and go camping. When I get older enough, I want to become Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and when I get even older, I want to be the Scoutmaster of Troop 285. I would like to continue volunteering for organizations, like serving the homeless at St Vincent de Paul. At church, I want to move up from a Junior Deacon to a deacon and continue youth group and the youth band at my church. One of the goals that I've had for a while and that I want to continue with is to travel to all 50 states. I've already been to 13 states and when I get older and have a car and money for plane tickets, I will finish that goal. And equally challenging goal is to travel to all 7 continents. So far, I visited two of them and I'm going to a third one this spring. That leaves four more to go including Antarctica.

Elias

Life Purpose Statement

I have been involved in scouting for nearly 10 years, having joined Cub Scouts at the Bear level in the third grade. When I first crossed over into the Boy Scouts in February, I wasn't sure that I wanted to continue with scouting. I went on my full first camp out as a Boy Scout in March 2011 at Camp Flying Eagle, when I was surprised at how much I enjoyed camping in my own tent and cooking food with the rest of the patrol. Looking back, choosing to remain in scouting was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I have made many great memories over the years at meetings, on campouts, and at OA events.

I have served multiple cabinet positions in the troop over the years including Guide, Webmaster, Chaplin's Aid, and Instructor. The two major positions I held were Troop Quartermaster from October 2013 to April 2014, and Patrol Leader of the Bacon Ninjas from November 2014 to August 2015. As Quartermaster, I made some reforms to the patrol gear system for camping trips, buying some new materials to replace some that were old and making the gear check out after campouts more structured. I definitely enjoyed being Troop Quartermaster. When I became Patrol Leader, I was being transferred from one patrol to another one, so I was leading a group of Scouts that I didn't know very well. My patrol was also assigned to be the "crossover patrol" that February, so all the new Scouts that year joined my patrol. Being patrol leader was a much harder job for me to manage, but it was still rewarding.

I was elected into the OA in the spring of 2015 and completed the Ordeal that June. The Ordeal was definitely one of the most memorable campouts I've ever been on, and the hard work I did during that day paid off with a fun evening of desserts, card games and much more fun. Since then, I have attended two OA conclaves, both which have been positive experiences in my scouting career.

I have been working towards achieving the rank of Eagle Scout for over seven years now. I have definitely grown a lot as both a worker and a leader over these years, and my memories from scouting will stay with me forever. Graduating from high school this year, I plan to get a Computer Science degree from Florida State University in the future. It has been a long road, but the path I have taken to get this far in both scouting and life in general has been very rewarding, and I am very thankful for all of the experiences and support I have had over these years.

Walter

Statement of Your Ambition and Life Purpose

I started my scouting career as a tiger cub. I've progressed substantially since then. Once a Boy Scout, I was immediately assailed with new responsibilities. I was elected patrol leader over crossovers like myself. Just mainly entailed me teaching the rest of the group what I myself was just learning. Apparently, I was well liked. I was elected to serve as patrol leader multiple times and, later, as both assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. At one point, I decided to attend and NYLT course. I entered as a scout who knew little about leading others and left with new ideas and abilities.

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Tyler

Letter of Ambitions

Plans after Graduation

After I graduate high school I plan to continue my education at the University of West Florida where I will be studying political science at a four-year College. The reason I want to continue my education is so I can gain more life experience from going to college and know what it's like to be independent. When I went to visit the school I noticed there was a Boy Scout organization right outside the campus so I definitely will be continuing scouting up there. I will also participate in many of the school organizations where I can partake in leadership positions. During college and after, I will always be sure to include the Scout Oath and Law into my daily life.

Long term goals

As of right now I'm still unsure what I want to do but I have a general idea, I want to help people. I want to be the voice for those who aren't able to have one, like my father he had cancer but we were very lucky to have good insurance to pay for it, but there are people out there in our country who aren't able to afford the treatment so I want to be their voice and help them gain affordable treatment they need. I have also considered after college and working out during the time to join the Navy and follow my father's footsteps, but I will always make sure I can give back to scouting for what it has done for me.

Life Purpose

I could have never gotten to this point without my family, they were the spark that helped me keep going. Once I have a family I will introduce my kids into scouting and I will join as an ASM and teach them to always live by the Scout Oath and Law. Any community event I partake in life I will always be sure I can use leadership to help others and always include the Scout Oath and Law. Two goals I have in my future is to learn how to fly and lose weight, and once I complete these goals I want to help others that are struggling to complete the same goals so they can have the satisfaction I had completing these goals.

Hunter

Letter of Ambition

Scouting holds a very special place in my heart, the simple reason for that is that it has encouraged me to work my hardest. My Eagle Scout project has been an even harder challenge, causing me to push myself. Other than the one time I led the troop as the senior patrol leader, I have had very little experience in the field leadership. My experience in scouting encouraged me to step out of place where I feel at ease.

The way I plan to use these skills I have acquired, is to obtain a higher form of education, on the subject of whether I join the military or just go to college is still up for debate. My hopes for the future are to either work for my hometown police force, or to open my own restaurant. The skills I have acquired would help me more in the police force, in the sense that I know first aid, survival tactics, as well as the ability to communicate with others. However, scouting has taught me invaluable skills that would be useful in owning a restaurant like budgeting, cooking, and various social skills.

I'm proud of myself for coming this far, and I feel accomplished achieving this amazing award. I will continue to look for ways to get back to my troop and community.

Anthony

I have been in the Boy Scouts for my entire life since kindergarten and earned my Arrow of Light in fifth grade, but not all my achievements come from Boy Scouts: In JROTC I was a team leader last year and am now a training NCO in the leadership table. In my 4-H club, I was elected to be the treasurer last year and I was told I did a great job handling the money, as we were able to buy a new rifle cleaning kits due to my money-saving tactics. This year I was elected in it to be the secretary, and so far in this year I've been told I'm doing a fantastic job getting the details of the meetings we have had and reporting it to the president. I hope to continue climbing the ranks in both of these programs even quicker now that I am almost an Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts. I will be able to dedicate time to other things like school and JROTC.

In high school, during my senior year, I am planning to be taking multiple AP classes in order to raise my GPA and also, I plan on taking dual enrollment at HCC. This would be a very good idea that will be able to raise my GPA and give me more options for where to go to college. I will continue going to my JROTC drill after school and possibly command or do something more than march in an element. After school, I plan on going to continue working out with the free time I gain with dual enrollment at HCC.

After my school years are over, I plan on going straight into the military and either serving in the Navy or the Air Force. I would, after my four years in the military, go to college at a Florida school, I plan on going to USF. I would want to go for the full four years. I am currently not sure what I would want to major and minor in during college, but I know I would want to do some type of programming with computers.

As I said before, I would want a career in programming computers or other things. This is a skill I would want to have because I think it would be a good paying career path that I would also enjoy.

Evan

Goals and Ambitions

Goals:

- Get a part-time job during High School
- Plain Wind Ensemble in my high school (highest level of band)
- Graduate high school
- Study music at a university or college in Florida
- Major in Sound Engineering
- Continue a career in music

Ambitions:

How am I going to achieve all this? I'll concentrate on my part time job, I think reaching Eagle Scout would help me obtain the job, because of the leadership skills and hard work skills I would acquire from coming Eagle Scout. In fact, I've gotten a job offer at Camp Daniel Boone. Not only will employers value the qualities of an Eagle Scout but so would universities, I plan to attend college to study music and eventually major and Sound Engineering, I don't know yet where I'll study but I'll either want to mix for live bands, mixed sound effects for movies, or mix recording bands. I enjoy music because it allows me to freely express myself. It's freedom but it also has some ground rules with notes and key signatures and many other things. I want my music to influence people in a way nothing else could, I want my music to help people almost therapeutically. I want my music to be the greatest outlet of self-expression. I want my music to bring communities together on the common ground of listening to a beautiful sound. These are the things I want to accomplish with the leadership skills I will have acquired on my road to Eagle.

Chase

Troop 142

My Personal Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose

My name is Chase, I'm 17 years old, and have been an active member of troop 142 for almost 7 years. As far back as I can remember scouting has been a part of my life, whether it was Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts, the values and moral compass that the Scout Oath and Law provide have been giving me the confidence to do my very best and provide my community with the best possible version of myself that I can. In all my time as a young boy and young man, I cannot remember anyone who has impacted my development (aside for my parents) more than my Scoutmaster, Mr. Ebert, and I cannot recall anyone who has taught me the true meaning of friendship better than my peers in scouting.

In my career as a Boy Scout I've held the leadership positions of assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, quartermaster, troop guide, and assistant senior patrol leader. In the spring and summer of 2018, I was given the honor of being the senior patrol leader of my troop and took on a unit of what we're 70 scouts at Camp Daniel Boone. The leadership experience I received while SPL of my troop was invaluable. I attended GTBAC's National youth leadership training (NLT for short) at Sand Hill Scout Reservation in the winter of 2016 and staffed as a troop guide for the winter of 2017 at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation where I've served over 150 hours of volunteering. Finally in the Autumn of 2018 I was awarded the Scout Spirit award for outstanding display of the Scout Oath and law.

At school I have learned many achievements and held positions of responsibility as well. During my time at Wharton high school, I've been part of Key Club, freshman and sophomore class council, and Student Government. I was also the public relations representative for young Republicans, a club I helped jump-start. Out of nearly 50 students I was one of the few applicants who was accepted into student government. I'm an honor student and push myself to do better every grading.. I work hard to maintain good grades as well as a healthy social life.

Freshman year I took the opportunity to push myself to do something I've never even thought about doing, wrestling. After a few friends recommended the sport to me I decided to try it out to see how I would like it and ended up enjoying it very much. I continue to wrestle into my sophomore year. This year, as a junior I took on the sport of golf, and have been practicing almost every week. I also began workout routine I've been committed to every week since the beginning of the year.

Like most boys my age, I've been through nearly twelve years of school where friends have been made and lost, life lessons have been learned, and experiences that I've had, have given me chances to have fun and explore myself and my limits and have helped me to explore my strengths and weaknesses. I believe the person I am and will become will have been nothing without my failures in life.

I hope that all of the things listed above that I have done, is a good indicator of the person I am in the character I portray. I can say that becoming Eagle Scout has taught me the most and has taken me on the greatest journey.

Parker
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Although I didn't play any sports in high school, I did focus most of my time on my skill as a musician and saxophonist in my school's band program at the Wharton Regiment. While a member, I and my three friends (the four of us combining to make a quartet) achieved a superior rating twice at the district level, as well as an excellent, and a superior both at the state level. The jazz band and I have ring Superior for the past three years of the district-level and excellent at the state level. The Wind Ensemble and I have achieved superiors at the district level this year and in 2016. And finally, as a member if the marching band I have held the leadership positions of uniforms staff, saxophone section leader, and head drum major. The band has placed 9th, 6th, 6th, and 12th in the AAA division for the FMBC in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 respectively. Every season I have been a member of the Regiment, we have achieved Straight Superiors (superior in every category) at the FBA marching state assessment. I plan on

joining USF's Herd of Thunder marching band and the USF jazz band this coming school year as a tenor saxophonist. Band has provided me with some of the most fun experiences I've ever had and has helped me to meet friends that I will know and cherish for the rest of my life.

Like most boys my age, I've been through 12 years of school where friends have been made and lost, life lessons have been learned, and experiences I've had have given me chances to have fun and explore myself and my limits and have helped me to learn my strengths and weaknesses. And as my favorite athlete of all time Hank Aaron once said, "Failure is a part of success", and I truly believe that the person I am and the person I will become will have been nothing without my failures in life.

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Christian

Life Statement

I have had an amazing experience in all my years of scouting. The campouts and merit badge training has taught me how to be a proper scout. The campouts provided an excellent chance to bond with other scouts and learn everything the Boys Scouts of America has to offer. Scouting isn't just building campfires and sleeping in tents. Sure we do those things, but it is much more than that. Scouting has taught me the 12 laws of a scout and I have lived by them every day. Using these 12 laws and the Scout Oath, I wish to achieve my dreams. I'm not sure what I would like to pursue as a career, but I have some ideas for a job in the radio business or maybe a music producer. I yearn to attend a college like University of Florida or University of South Florida and I will chase these dreams keeping my in mind everything I had been taught in my years of scouting. Boy Scouts has impacted my life greatly and without it I don't think I would be the same person I am today. Leadership positions have allowed me to experience running a group of Scouts and organized meetings as a Senior Patrol Leader; it was a tough job to run a whole troop of kids, but I powered through and really tried my hardest for the six months I was appointed. It has helped my social skills, because I am naturally an introvert, and I've developed strong friendships in the members of my troop that I hope will last. I don't have many personal awards. I do have awards from when I used to play lacrosse, but becoming an Eagle Scout will be the most prominent achievement in my life so far and my proudest. I will never forget my time in scouting from Cub Scouts to Eagle. I will never forget all the things I've learned, all the s'mores I've eaten, the mud I've gotten on my shoes and I definitely won't forget the memories.