Eagle Scout Rank letters of reference:

Requirement 2: of the Eagle Scout Rank Application requires a Scout to provide six references who know him and how he demonstrates how he lives by the principals of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life.

The six required references are:

1. Parents or guardians
2. Religious
3. Educational
4. Employer (If any)
5. Two other references

He may leave off the references for “Religious” if he has no formal religion. However, he must be prepared to discuss how he fulfills his religious obligations if he does not list a reference here.

He may leave off the reference for “Employer” if he is not employed.

Approximately four to six weeks prior to the Scout's anticipated Eagle Scout board of review, he must contact the individuals he is listing as references and tell them they will be contacted by the district advancement committee requesting a letter of recommendation on his behalf.

After contacting the individuals he is listing as references, the Scout must send his district Eagle board chair a stamped #10-size envelope for each reference with their name and address printed on the envelope and a list with the name and telephone number of each reference. The Eagle board chair will contact each person by mail requesting a letter of recommendation on the Scout’s behalf. The council service center, (561) 694-8585, can provide the name and telephone number of the district Eagle Board of Review chair.

When the board of review has voted to approve the Scout's application for Eagle rank, the letters of recommendation are placed in a sealed envelop and delivered, with the signed application to the Gulf Stream Council Service Center by the district Eagle board chair. The letters of recommendation are then destroyed without review. The letters of recommendation or their contents are never shown to the Scout or anyone outside the board of review. This is BSA policy.