

Eagle Palms

- Eagle Palms awards presented to Boys Scouts who earn 5, 10, 15 or more additional merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout, incurred a significant change in the earning of these awards.
- Palms earned before completing the Eagle board of review may be earned by the Boy Scout without the three-month waiting period between awards.
- Additional changes were made in the tenure and leadership requirements as well as elimination of the previously required Eagle Palm board of review.



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- **For example:** Glenn, a 16-year-old Life Scout, had 36 merit badges at the time of his Eagle Scout board of review on Aug. 15, 2017. That's 15 more than required. Before the change announced on July 10, he would've needed to wait three months after his Eagle board of review to receive his Bronze Palm, another three months for his Gold Palm and another three for his Silver Palm.
- Under the revised requirements, he can get that Silver Palm (representing 15 additional merit badges) along with his Eagle medal at his Eagle Scout court of honor. No wait required.



Eagle Palms- What's new?

- Eagle Scouts and who had not passed their 18th birthday before Aug. 1, 2017. Now those current Eagle Scouts can immediately apply for and receive Eagle Palms for merit badges earned before their board of review.
- Let me reiterate: Only those merit badges earned before the Scout's Eagle board of review count, assuming those merit badges have not already been applied to a previously awarded Palm.



Example

- David had 41 merit badges when he became an Eagle Scout on July 29, 2017. That's 20 more than required. Under the revision, he's entitled to receive and wear a Silver Palm (representing 15 additional merit badges) and a Bronze Palm (representing five additional). Under the previous rule, it would've taken David a year to earn those Palms — three months for every five merit badges.



FAQ's

- **Q:** Can an Eagle Scout who successfully completed his board of review before Aug. 1, 2017, but turned 18 on or after Aug. 1, 2017, apply for Palms under the new provision?
- **A:** Yes, any Eagle Scout who completed his board of review before Aug. 1, 2017, but had not turned 18 before Aug. 1, 2017, is eligible to receive Palms under the revised requirements. Example: Bruce had earned 26 merit badges when he completed his Eagle board of review on July 1, 2017. He turned 18 on Aug. 2, 2017. Even though he is now 18, he is eligible to receive a Bronze Palm to represent the five additional merit badges he earned before his board of review.



FAQ's

- **Q:** If a Scout earned Eagle rank before Aug. 1, 2017, and then turned 18 years old *before* Aug. 1, 2017, can he apply for Palms under the new provision?
- **A:** No. Any Eagle Scout who turned 18 before Aug. 1, 2017, is not eligible to receive Eagle Palms under the new provision.



FAQ's

- **Q:** Can merit badges earned *after* an Eagle board of review but before Aug. 1, 2017, be applied toward receiving Palms under the new provision?
- **A:** No. Only merit badges earned before a Scout's Eagle board of review can be used in applying for Eagle Palms under the new provision. Any merit badges earned after a Scout's Eagle board of review can only be used to earn Palms by completing the five requirements listed above.



FAQ's

- **Q:** How many additional Palms would a Scout be entitled to under the new provision if he earned Eagle rank at the age of 16 on Feb. 1, 2016, and had completed 50 additional merit badges at the time of his board of review?
- **A:** Assuming he had remained continuously active and earned Palms in the normal manner under the previous requirements, he would be eligible to immediately receive four more Palms. That is based on counting 30 merit badges toward six Palms during the 18 months from Feb. 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017



FAQ's

- **Q:** Using the previous example, if a Scout had earned an additional 20 merit badges *after* his Eagle board of review, how many Palms would he be eligible to receive on Aug. 1, 2017?
- **A:** He would still only be eligible to receive four more Palms. The 20 additional merit badges he earned could be applied toward additional Palms by completing the five requirements listed above.

