

SAMPLE "Life's Purpose" Statements

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Requirement 6. My Ambitions and Life Purpose

Starting my scouting adventures in Cub Scouts I have come a long way since earning my first badge. As I grew older and moved from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouts I began to take on new responsibilities and learn new things. At the beginning when I first joined Boy Scouts we learned how to tie various knots and use them at campouts for setting up tents, but as I became more and more experienced I started teaching younger scouts how to tie the knots instead. Gradually I began to notice that as more and more of the older Scouts graduated, 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 Librarian, Patrol Leader, and finally Crew President.

Crew President was probably the most interesting and fun position that I had. I got to lead a group of high school guys who got together to talk about the troops events and plan different crew activities. Organizing everything with Mr. Jones at the time I got a feel of what it was like to be in charge of that group by calling everyone to remind them of events and making a lot of the final arrangements.

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. 5 to 10 years down the road I would like to have a successful career with a good pay, a decent house, a dog, and eventually a family. Sounds like the "American dream" but who doesn't want that? On the way to accomplishing my goals I am going to have to go through college first though. As of right now I am applying to Illinois State University. I am leaning toward a science related major in biotechnology or pre-med.

Aside from completing college and having a good career I would also want to help contribute to my community and help others. When I grow up I want to be involved in volunteer groups like United Way or something that will help people in need no matter how small of a contribution I make. In scouting 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. 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 for the better and everyone is happy.

In summary even though my scouting days are numbered I will not lose sight of what I have taken out of this great experience. Whatever path I go down 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, on my society, and the people around me.

Eagle Application Life Purpose Statement / Resume

My plans for high school and beyond are probably different from the dreams and ambitions of most kids. Some kids want to go into a field that will land a secure job that involves sitting behind a desk. Others study their profession right out of high school, and land a physical labor job or service job. I, on the other hand, aspire to complete graduate school and go into the field of chemistry. When I first decided this, I asked, what jobs are in chemistry? There are really only the select few that work at national research laboratories such as Argonne and the chemistry teachers in school. As much as I would love to make researching the world and it's inner workings my job, the chances are slim to none, and besides, the lure of computer science seemed more and more promising every day. So in the end, I will major in chemistry, with the intentions of going into a computer science field to be on the cutting edge of technology. But ultimately, my goal is to learn and master the ways of the world, and to have my own enormous breakthrough in the scientific community. The chances are one in a million, but there's a chance I could change the world as we know it, and I hold on to that when I study. If I fall short of this mountain of a goal, I will land comfortably in the range of researching and studying the topic I find most fascinating, and possibly even teaching it.

As that job progresses, I will find someone and somewhere when I want to settle down, have a family, and bring scouting into my children's lives, boy or girl. I hope to be a very caring husband and father, but take time out to do my own hobbies. I am grateful for the way my parents raised me, and would like to pass that on to my own children. I was always pushed to do bigger and better things than I knew I was capable of, and whatever my decision, be it joining gymnastics, choir, or studying physics, my parents supported me 100% of the way. Unlike some parents, who decide the future of their child right off the bat, I hope to help influence - but not control - the future of mine.

I hope to stay in touch with the video gaming world, so when I become a parent, not only will I enjoy myself, but I will be able to understand what my kids are saying! I find that even though I play more than enough video games, they relax me and I find them exciting and interesting. I once thought I wanted to be a graphic designer for the gaming industry, which shows just how passionate I am about games. I wouldn't want to lose such an amazing hobby as gaming. Being in choir changed my life and shaped me into who I am today. I am more outgoing and talkative now that I have overcome my fears of being in front of people that I don't know, and I feel that the passion I have for singing helps me focus and learn good practicing habits that I otherwise might not have. When I find something like singing that I truly love to do, I set my mind to becoming better and doing as much as I can to participate. While in college, I hope I can join the musical theater program, the show choir program, or even just the plain old curricular/extracurricular choirs, because having a life without singing wouldn't be a life at all.

As for talents I hope to develop, they will probably stay the same as the ones I developed as a student in high school. I aspire to learn the guitar, piano, and drums, so when I find a song I like, I can play the parts to it while I sing, and possibly even record all of my parts and put them together to make a cover of the song. I've always wanted to be able to put my

own spin on a song, and perform the whole song myself, and then see what other people think of it. When I figured out I wanted to be able to do this, I thought about it, and came up with the guitar, piano and drums as the three key instruments I should learn in order to effectively create my own one person band. In addition to learning multiple instruments, I hope to one day be able to run a marathon, or better yet, do a triathlon, or... dare I say it? An ironman! I love to run, and it would be a shame to see that talent and love go to waste, so I will continue running as I get older, however, I hope that as time progresses, this talent grows and grows into the ability to run longer and longer distances, so I can one day run full marathons.

Leadership positions and experiences:

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader – I assisted the SPL in his duties, and took his place when he was absent. For the most part, I did this more in my second term because I knew what needed the most help from my experiences as SPL.
- Patrol Leader – 2 terms – I took care of the scouts in my patrol, kept them quiet during meetings, and helped them get their requirements signed off for their various ranks. I was patrol leader during my years as a first class scout and star scout, so there were plenty of things to help my patrol mates with, such as knots and merit badges.
- OA representative – I attended monthly OA chapter meetings, and relayed the messages back to the troop OA members so they knew when the OA was having their fellowships and various gatherings.

Awards and Honors:

- Award 1
- Award 2
- I am in the National Honor Society at my school, which epitomizes leadership, service, and academics – things any Eagle Scout should also find important
- I have been in the Order of the Arrow for 4 years now, and have been a Brotherhood member for 3 of the years

Life Purpose

Being in high school, my focus is simple: make myself and people around me happy. What makes me happiest is studying cars and helping others.

After my senior year, I plan to work part-time, go to college locally, possibly UIC, and study criminology. I'd study criminology because I am fascinated by and have wanted to be a police officer ever since I was very little. This way I could do something that I would enjoy and be able to help others at the same time.

But being a police officer is my Plan B. What I really want to do after graduating from college is to pursue a career as a professional stunt car driver for movies and commercials. This would require a lot of experience and training and I would go to a professional driving school.

I really like cars, and the idea of being able to drive fantastic cars the way they should be driven professionally and being paid for it seems perfect to me.

While advancing in my career, I want to get married and have at least one boy so that our family name can go on; I am the only remaining link to it. If I cannot get into the stunt driving business, which is very possible, I will pursue a career in law enforcement. Even though I'd be doing something that would make me happy, and even though it wasn't my first choice, I would be helping people and serving those who deserve it. Car collecting and modifying them will then be my hobby on the side.

Personal Statement

The attainment of my Eagle Rank is more to me than just another scouting rank. It is the fulfillment of a dream I had when I first joined Scouts. The journey to Eagle has taught me more than I could ever hope to have learned in any other group, club or organization. I have made friends that I will have all my life and I hope to be able to give back by helping the Troop and my community with skills and leadership I have learned in the past seven years.

My parents and my sister have both been supportive throughout my Scouting career so far. My immediate goal once I graduate from High School is go to college and earn a degree in a computer related field. I hope to learn the skills necessary to work in a field where I can use the skills in computing that I have taught myself and that I will learn in the future.

I also hope to get married someday and start a family. I have learned from the relationship I have with my family that this is important and I hope to be able to pass on what I have learned and my family traditions of my life on to my children.

Boy Scouts has taught me about so many things that I would not have learned anywhere else. These are important skills that range from survival to everyday life. The men and women leaders in our Troop have been inspirational in their support and help through my Scouting career. I will turn 18 soon and I plan to stay with the Troop as a leader to help as much as I am able to pass my knowledge on to younger scouts in the hope that they will find the journey to Eagle as rewarding as I have.

Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose

As I consider my future goals I look back on my scouting career and how it has prepared me for future challenges and opportunities. I have been a patrol leader and a troop guide throughout my time in scouts. These experiences helped me better understand the definition of leadership. By facing the challenges that were present in these positions I have learned that anything can happen and I always have to be prepared for what lies ahead.

I plan to remain with Troop 505 and become a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster after I am 18 years old.

I plan to graduate from High School and go on to attend the University of Illinois and major in software engineering.

After earning my master's degree I will then apply to one of the many technical schools. I hope to be accepted into MIT or the Johnson Institute of Technology. There I plan to get my doctorates degree in the same field. I have always worked with computers ever since I was young and the programs have constantly interested me. There have also been many programs where I have found multiple flaws in the programs, and I would like to try my hand at fixing them. I also want to create new programs.

I plan to move to either Florida or Kentucky because I have family in both states. I will eventually get married and have a family. Along with my time in Boy scouts I have done the following extracurricular activities to help develop my leadership skills and experiences:

- Activity 1
- Activity 2

Statement of Ambition

In the future I hope to graduate High school with good grades and go on to college. I am not sure yet which college I wish to attend, but I have always loved Southern Illinois University. In college I wish to study either engineering or business. I have always loved engineering, and my Eagle project has given me a small taste of what it is like to be an engineer! I hope to use the leadership and communication skills that I have learned to start a small business later on in my life.

I am not yet sure whether or not I will marry, but I plan to keep in touch with my scouting friends for the rest of my life. I look forward to traveling in the future, and even plan to take up sailing as a hobby! I learned to sail both from my grandfather and from my participation in scouting. Scouting has taught me countless virtues and life lessons that will stay with me for the rest of my adult life!