Background

The BSA "Guide to Advancement 2015", Chapter 9.0.2.10, provides for individual councils to establish provisions as to when the Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising application will be required to be submitted to the council for approval. Below is the proposed requirements for Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising application for the New Birth of Freedom Council.

Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application

The Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application must be used in obtaining approval for service project fundraising or securing donations of materials*. Send the completed form to your local council service center, where it will be routed to the District Executive for approval. This is in accordance to the Guide to Advancement (9.0.2.10)

All Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Applications must be submitted at least two weeks before your fundraising efforts. The Fundraising Application is to be reviewed and signed prior to the project approval.

* *This application is not necessary for contributions from the candidate, his parents or relatives, his unit or its chartered organization, parents or members of his unit, or the beneficiary. All money left over, regardless of the source, goes to the beneficiary.*

If the standards below are met, your fundraising effort likely will be approved.

1. Eagle Scout service projects may not be fundraisers. In other words, the candidate may not stage an effort that primarily collects money, even if it is for a worthy charity. Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials, and otherwise facilitating a project. Unless the effort involves contributions only from the beneficiary, the candidate, his parents or relatives, his unit or its chartered organization, or from parents or members in his unit, it must be approved by the local council. This is achieved by submitting the Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application.

2. It must be clear to all donors or event participants that the money is being raised on behalf of the project beneficiary. Once collected, money raised must be turned over for deposit to an account of the beneficiary or the candidate's unit, until needed for the project. If the unit receives the funds, it must release them to the beneficiary once expenses have been paid.

3. Any contracts must be signed by a responsible adult, acting as an individual, without reference to the Boy Scouts of America. The person who signs the contract is personally liable. Contracts must not and cannot bind the local council, Boy Scouts of America, or the unit's chartered organization.

4. If something is to be sold, we want people to buy it because it is a quality product, not just because of an association with Scouting. Buyers or donors must be informed that the money will be used for an Eagle Scout service project to benefit the school, religious institution, or community chosen, and any funds left over will go to that beneficiary.

5. Any products sold or fundraising activities conducted must be in keeping with the ideals and principles of the BSA. For example, they must not include raffles or other games of chance.

6. Should any donors want documentation of a gift, this must be provided through the project beneficiary, not the Boy Scouts of America. If a donor or fundraising participant wants a receipt, this, too, must be provided in the name of the beneficiary.

7. Youth are not normally permitted to solicit funds on behalf of other organizations. However, a local council may allow an exception for Eagle Scout service projects.

An Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application must be submitted under the following criteria.

- The Eagle Candidate through the beneficiary is seeking $1,000.00 or more of donations, materials, money, and/or discounts.

An Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application does not need to be submitted under the following criteria:

- Any donation regardless of quantity from the beneficiary, the candidate, parents/relatives, his unit or its charter organization, or from parents or members of the unit.

- If a candidate is giving a discount or donation of materials without solicitation at the time of purchase it is OK to accept it and the application is not required.

Please note that Eagle Scout Service Projects cannot be fundraisers themselves. It should be clear that funding is being used to help the beneficiary and any left over funding will be turned over them.

Fundraising applications must be submitted to the New Birth of Freedom Council at least two weeks prior to any fundraising activity.

New Birth of Freedom Council
Attn:_____District Executive