

Southeast Louisiana Council Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Guidelines

Please see 9.0.2.10 Fundraising Issues in the Guide to Advancement for complete guidelines.

1. Projects may not be fundraisers. In other words, the candidate must 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.
2. Fundraising for an Eagle Scout service project must not be required of any candidate. Whether or not fundraising takes place is the Scout's decision based on project needs and sources of income, including the benefitting organization and self-funding.
3. The Scout must make it clear to all donors or event participants that the money is being raised on behalf of the project beneficiary, which will retain leftover funds. Once collected, money raised must be turned over to the beneficiary or to the candidate's unit for deposit until needed for the project. If the unit receives the funds, it must release them to the beneficiary once expenses have been paid.
—Should any donors want documentation of a gift, this must be provided through the project beneficiary, not Scouting America. If the beneficiary is not allowed, for whatever reason, to retain any excess funds, supplies, or materials, the beneficiary should be asked to designate a suitable charity to receive them or allow the unit to retain the funds. The unit must not influence this decision.
4. Fundraising, especially on a larger scale, has tax, accounting, and other legal implications, in which minors should not be involved. Thus if fundraising is to take place, it is best that it be kept simple. Typical unit fundraisers with which unit leadership is familiar, such as a car wash, bake sale, fish fry are the best options.
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. The Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application must not be required to accompany the project proposal. At that point in the process, the Scout may not have enough information to complete the application.

SELA Guidelines for Applications and Approvals:

- Unless the fundraising effort involves contributions from the beneficiary, the chartered organization, the candidate or the candidate's parents, guardians, or relatives, the Scout's unit or individuals in the unit, it must be approved by SELA Council using the [Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application](#). (ex. If you plan to request donations of supplies from local businesses, you must submit a fundraising application)
- The Southeast Louisiana Council Advancement Committee has determined that unit-style fundraisers such as bake sales and car washes are "pre-approved" and do not require a fundraising application **provided the event is expected to raise less than \$1000**. Any effort expected to exceed that amount will require an application for Council approval.

- Alternative fundraising efforts such as “crowdfunding” via the internet (i.e. GoFundMe) have been deemed acceptable, however a **fundraising application is required**. If this method is used, all concerned, including the Scout, the Scout’s parent or guardian, the unit leader and the beneficiary should be aware that fees may be involved and that fundraising for something like an Eagle project may or may not comply with the crowdfunding website’s terms of service.

Once your fundraising application is completed, you must obtain approval from the project beneficiary and your unit leader.

Submit your application to selaadvancement@gmail.com or hand deliver to council services office suite #125 at 4200 S I-10 Service Rd W, Metairie, LA 70001 **at least two weeks** in advance of your fundraising efforts.

You will be contacted when your application is approved, if it cannot be approved or if adjustments must be made.