

Board of Reviews Appeal Request Guide

1. The Scout should have received communication from the board of review advising actions that could lead to advancement and explaining appeal procedures.
 - a. If this was not received, the Scout or the Scout's parent or guardian should contact the council advancement chair, staff advisor for advancement, or the Scout executive to request it.
2. To initiate the appeal, the Scout or the Scout's parent or guardian prepares a letter notifying the local council of the appeal. It should detail the reasons it is believed the Scout met all the requirements and should not have been denied.
3. The letter is sent to the council service center, to the attention of the council advancement committee. The communication from the board of review mentioned above should be attached.
4. To assure all appeal requests are handled consistently throughout the council, they are first routed to the council advancement committee.
5. The council-designated appeals coordinator routes a copy of the request to the district or council advancement committee according to local practices. It is recommended that appeals of a unit decision go to the district, and those elevated from a district go to the council. This allows an additional step before the National Advancement Program Team is involved.
 - a. The council-designated appeals coordinator may be present and provide advice. No other guests, including the candidate's parents or guardians, are allowed. If the Scout is being interviewed, and the Scout's parents or guardians insist on attending with him, see ["Conducting the Board of Review," 8.0.1.0.](#)
 - b. The appeal-board meeting may be held via videoconference under the rare circumstances and the requirements found in ["Boards of Review Through Videoconferencing," 8.0.1.6.](#)
 - c. An appeal board is not another board of review. It focuses only on the issues that brought about rejection at the lower level(s). A majority is sufficient for a decision.
6. If an appeal is rejected at the district level, the Scout or the Scout's parent or guardian may appeal to the council advancement committee.
7. If a council-level Eagle Scout board of review or appeal board rejects a candidate, then the Scout or the Scout's parent or guardian may appeal through the local council to the National Advancement Program Team.
8. **A decision at any level that finds in favor of a Scout shall be final. Units, districts, and councils are not allowed to appeal them.**
 - a. Similarly, decisions for rejection delivered through the National Advancement Program Team are final.

- b. For rulings in favor of a Scout, the date of the original board— not the appeal board—is the effective date of advancement.