

# MEMO

To: All Eagle Scout Candidates  
From: Annawon Council Advancement Committee  
Date: August 1, 2013  
Subject: Lowe's Gift card available for Eagle Projects

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In 2012 Lowe's Home Improvement Stores gave the National Council of the Boy Scouts a very significant number of \$100. gift cards to be used towards Eagle projects. In 2012 Annawon Council was issued only 6 cards that we could issue. On a national basis, many were not used and were returned to National.

The program has been revised and reestablished for 2013. Annawon Council has applied for, and has been granted, the opportunity to give out 20 of these cards. Because of the larger number available, they will be distributed on a first come - first serve basis. Once the application is received by the Council, the application will be sent to National who will arrange for the distribution of the gift cards. It is expected that the cards may take up to 30 days to be received, but hopefully quicker.

It also appears that the rules for the use of these cards had been relaxed a bit. They are good wherever Discover cards are accepted. They can not be used for food or tools. Any unused cards must be returned to national and may not be turned over to the project beneficiary. The Eagle candidate must submit receipts, some photos and a short report online. While, the gift cards do not need to be used at Lowe's, I am sure all would agree that would be a good place to use them if possible. The program will end the beginning of 2014. There will be a council coordinator for this, who will monitor the paperwork and assist you in the program should you need it.

On average, we have approximately 40 - 50 Scouts who attain the rank of Eagle each year, so we do not expect any problem in being able to use up the gift card allotment. There may be the possibility to get more gift cards if we can use them and if there are any that are not allocated out on a national basis.

The following is a link, <http://www.scouting.org/trailtoeagle.aspx>, that you can use to get information on the program, as well as an application form. This information will be on the council website, [annawonbsa.org](http://annawonbsa.org)., shortly.

If you are interested in obtaining a gift card, please apply soon, as we hope to run out. The paperwork is fairly simple, and as such this seems like an easy way to raise \$100. of much needed funding for an Eagle project!!

If you have any questions in connection with this program, please contact John Newbury at [jjnewbury@nesa.org](mailto:jjnewbury@nesa.org). and put Lowe's in the subject line, or I can be reached at (508) 272-7130.

Thank you Lowe's for your support of the Scouting program, and good luck on all of our candidates working on their Eagle projects.



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### Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grant

Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grant website:

[www.scouting.org/trailtoeagle](http://www.scouting.org/trailtoeagle)

During 2012 more than 3,000 Scouts received \$100 grants for their Eagle Scout service projects through the generosity of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce that the foundation has offered to continue its support with a similar number of grants beginning in July 2013.

#### Quick-Step Guide for Participation in Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grants

1. Council recruits Lowe's project follow-up volunteer.
2. Scout executive or staff designee (or key volunteer under certain conditions) sends notification of participation to [lowes.grant@scouting.org](mailto:lowes.grant@scouting.org) with the council name, the number of grants desired (up to 25), the Scout executive's or staff designee's name, and the name and email address of the follow-up volunteer.
3. Council and district advancement committees then identify Scout recipients for the grants. An application for local

This year, the Lowe's service project impact grants will take a different approach. Most importantly, the \$100 Discover gift card grants will be mailed directly to Eagle Scout candidates. Local councils need only select the Scouts to receive cards and then, through a council-designated volunteer, follow up to see that participating Scouts submit their required reports. Local councils will not receive the cards and will have no responsibility to record or distribute them.

Each council may reserve as many as 25 gift cards by sending a message to [lowes.grant@scouting.org](mailto:lowes.grant@scouting.org), notifying the BSA Advancement Team of the council's intent to participate. This notification of participation must include the council name, Scout executive's or staff designee's name, the name and email address of one council-



*If you are a Scout interested in this grant opportunity for your Eagle Scout service project, you must contact your local council service center. You may use the grant application form found [here](#). If your council is not aware of the Year 2 Lowe's service project impact grants, you may suggest they visit the above website, or send a message to [lowes.grant@scouting.org](mailto:lowes.grant@scouting.org)*

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*4. Follow-up volunteers will receive links to a web page where they may enter the names and postal addresses of Scouts as they are identified. As these are received at the national office, Scouts will be sent their gift cards.*

designated follow-up volunteer, and the number of Scout recipients the council is confident can be identified.

Upon receipt of a notification of participation that includes all of the information mentioned above, the Advancement Team will send a link to the council's designated follow-up volunteer that will allow electronic submission of the names and addresses of the Scouts who are to receive the gift cards. As the Scout recipients are submitted, the Advancement Team will send the gift cards directly to the Scouts.




We've done our best to anticipate your questions and to provide the answers. Please review "[Your Questions Answered](#)"; if you need more information, feel free to send a message to [lowes.grant@scouting.org](mailto:lowes.grant@scouting.org)



#### Our Thanks to Lowe's

The BSA thanks the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation for its generous support of Scouting across the country. Through this unique program, thousands of Life Scouts hard at work on their Eagle Scout service projects will grow through the experience of putting the grants to work for the benefit of their communities.

#### Important Links

- [Your Questions Answered: Details About Year 2 of the Lowe's National Eagle Scout Service Project Impact Grants](#)
- [Grant application for Eagle Scout candidates](#) 
- [Responsibilities of the local council's designated follow-up volunteer](#) 
- [Scout Recipient's Obligations](#) 
- [National Advancement Resources](#) (including access to [Advancement News](#) archives)

#### Safety First



Your first concern during any project should always be safety. Wear appropriate safety gear—including safety glasses, masks, heavy gloves, and even ear protection—when needed. Learn how to use the right tools for the job. The Home Repairs merit badge pamphlet is a good resource.



# Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grants

## *Scout Recipient's Obligations*

- Read all the information received in your packet with your gift card.
- Write down your gift card number and keep it in a safe place; you will need the card number when it comes time to submit your brief electronic report.
- After your Eagle Scout service project proposal has been approved, and when you are ready to begin spending, activate your gift card according to the instructions included with it.
- The card must be used for purchases of goods (supplies) or services that are directly related to your project. An outdoor lighting installation project, for example, might involve the purchase of light fixtures, conduit, and wire; and then fees for a licensed electrician to do the hookup to the power source. Note that the card may be used at a Lowe's location or with any vendor that accepts Discover cards. *Purchase of food and tools with the card is not permitted.*
- You are not permitted to use the card for anything that does not directly relate to your project.
- Obtain a receipt for each expenditure made with the card.
- Take a few "before" pictures at your project site.
- Display the Lowe's poster at your project site while you are working on it.
- Do the following as soon as possible after your project has been completed, but no later than April 30, 2014.
  - Submit your receipts to your council's Lowe's project follow-up volunteer.
  - Take a few "after" pictures of your project, preferably showing what was purchased with the card.
  - Submit three to five of your best before-and-after photos to your council's Lowe's project follow-up volunteer.
  - Make a brief electronic report of your project at:  
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  - If there is any remaining balance on your card after you have finished spending for your project, submit the card to your council's Lowe's project follow-up volunteer.



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## Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grant

### \$100 Grant Application Form

Local councils may customize this form. For example, additional information may be requested of the Scout; instructions, background information, council contact information, and approval signature lines may be added. Existing information on the application should remain.

Name:

Age:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Phone No.:

Unit No.:

Unit type:

(Troop, team, crew, or ship)

Email:

Council:

District:

### Project Information

Start date (may be approximate):

Location of project (city and state):

Type of project:

Brief description of the project:

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