

# Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose Letter

The essay should include a listing of the positions held in the Scouts religious institution, school / educational, camp, community / volunteer organizations, extracurricular and/or professional experiences during which you demonstrated leadership skills, including honors and awards received during this service. Also, consider the following:

- A. Introductory – Include some of the experiences you’ve had in Scouting, and what you have learned from those experiences. Words on what you have learned about yourself as a leader and a young man. List positions of responsibility and other experiences should include those within Scouting and those outside Scouting. For each position of responsibility or other experience listed, give brief details about that position of responsibility or other experience, and the start and end dates of your service in that position of responsibility or participation in that experience.

Include a quantitative highlight of your educational performance, such as your overall grade-point average or your grade-point average for a class or subject in which you particularly excel.

- B. Short-Term Goals – Include plans for after graduation; do you plan to enter the workforce directly, go into the military, future education; then explain your reasons why this is your preferred choice.
- C. Long-Term Goals – Career choices, activities. After you complete any schooling or training – Career Choices, activities, etc.
- D. Life Purpose – This section should be used to describe your ultimate life’s vision. What do you really want out of life? family, long term involvement in your community, religion, etc. It can be helpful to think of the life you hope to have at 30 or 40; how do you see yourself living the life planned for while incorporating the lessons taken from Scouting. This is also the place to include any goal that you might nurture that sets

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you apart from others. If you always wanted to write a book, climb Mt. Rainier, go on an African safari, visit Antarctica, learn to fly a plane, etc. this is the place to include it.

One thing you should try to mention in this section is how you plan to use the lessons you've learned from Scouting when you're older. You don't have to promise to return to Scouting in the future (although if you do see yourself volunteering, be sure to mention it), but you should try to discuss how you'll use what you've learned to better the world.