

## **Advancement Update 01/01/2021: Extensions Beyond Age 18**

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, local councils will have the authority to grant limited extensions of time to complete Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit requirements. These extensions are available only to youth members who qualify under the three tests listed in the attached advance copy of topics 9.0.4.0, 9.0.4.1, 9.0.4.2, and forms [11.2.0.0](#) and [11.2.1.0](#) from the 2021 edition of the Guide to Advancement (GTA), which will be published early in the year. Advance copies of these topics and forms are also published at [www.scouting.org/advancement](http://www.scouting.org/advancement).

The three tests are laid out in topic [9.0.4.0](#). The process for requesting and reviewing a time extension is outlined in topic [9.0.4.1](#). An appeal process has also been established if the council denies an extension. This process is outlined in topic [9.0.4.2](#).

Though the updated GTA containing these three topics will not be published until after the new year, the authority outlined in topics 9.0.4.0, 9.0.4.1, and 9.0.4.2 will take effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

Council Advancement Committees are advised that after Dec. 31, 2020, there is no plan to authorize COVID extensions as has been allowed during 2020. It is possible, however, that as of Jan. 1, 2021, COVID could become a circumstance that warrants an extension if it qualifies under the three tests listed in 9.0.4.0. Note that existing COVID extensions granted between Oct. 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2020, will expire three months after they were granted.

In requesting an age-extension beyond age 18 to complete Eagle requirements, please follow the process described above and submit completed form 11.2.0.0 to Joel Moser, Council Advancement Chair, at [joelmoser@earthlink.net](mailto:joelmoser@earthlink.net).