

Citizenship & Society

Eagle Required

Communication Merit Badge

Public speaking, writing, and interviewing skills scouts will use well beyond Scouting.

Typical time to complete: **4–6 weeks**

GOOD FIT IF YOU LIKE

Leadership

Art & Creativity

Tips for Earning This Badge

- 1 Do not wait on the speech requirement. Deliver it at a troop meeting or patrol gathering — a real audience matters.
- 2 Practice out loud, not just in your head. Timing yourself is different from reading silently.
- 3 The interview requirement and the written communication requirements can often be combined with school projects.
- 4 The listening exercise trips up scouts who underestimate it — pay attention to the specific questions asked afterward.
- 5 Counselors often ask you to reflect on how the speech went, not just deliver it — think about what you would change before the meeting.
- 6 A common pitfall: reading a speech word-for-word off a page. Notes are fine; a script you never look up from is not.

Official Requirements

We keep this page focused on tips and what to expect, not a copy of the requirement text — requirements get revised periodically, and scouts are generally held to whichever version was current when they started the badge (the same reason Scoutbook lets you filter by pamphlet version). For the exact, current wording, check your Scoutbook record for this badge or the official page below.

Communication on [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) 

Finding a Counselor

Ask your Scoutmaster for the council's merit badge counselor list. For popular badges, a parent in your troop may already be registered as a counselor. If your troop doesn't have one, your council's advancement chair can help connect you.