

David L. Walden

Governor Dannel P. Malloy  
210 Capitol Ave  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Sir,

As a member of Boy Scout Troop 51 in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, my son, Reginald Douglas Walden, has achieved Boy Scouts of America's highest rank, Eagle Scout. He will be honored at a special court of honor on March 13, 2015, where he will be recognized by his peers, friends, family and dignitaries. You, being a person of true American values, can recognize the commitment, dedication and hard work required to achieve this rank.

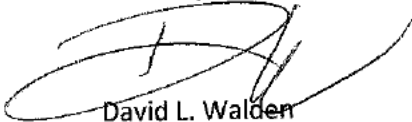
On the way to Eagle Scout, "Reggie" earned thirty-four merit badges when only twenty-one were required. He served his troop as Chaplin Aid, Historian and Web Master while serving in other leadership roles. For his Eagle project, he restored Grace Episcopal Church's children's play area including swings, jungle gym and play scape as well as upgraded and revitalized the church's backyard. A high honor student throughout his high school career, he will enter the University of New Haven in the fall of 2015 where he will major in marine biology.

Reggie is not a part-time Scout; he lives by the Scout Oath, the Scout Law and his strong religious beliefs. His daily life includes all of these while helping others without considering "What's in it for me?" These basic principles formed through scouting, his upbringing and faith in God will serve him well in life.

While I am extremely proud of Reggie's academic and Scouting accomplishments, I am most proud of how he has met the challenge of growing up in the autistic spectrum. As a child growing up with autism, he had to be taught basic social skills including how to look at people when he spoke with them and how to keep himself composed in challenging situations. At the beginning of his sophomore year of high school, one of his goals was to respond to people when they greeted him in the hallways at school. Just twenty-one months later, he had the skills and courage to travel with Boy Scouts from Yonkers, who he had only met once, for a Boy Scouts of America high adventure sailing trip in the Bahamas.

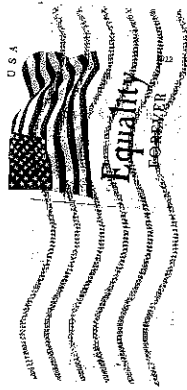
Scouting has played a significant role in the man he has become. His accomplishment would be even more special if you were to compose a letter of congratulations to Reggie for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Please consider sending other items you wish to have presented to him. Congratulatory items may be sent to the address above; they will be presented to him at the ceremony. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,



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