

The Merit Badge Counselor Application was revised on September 19, 2003. An additional minor revision was made on October 9, 2003 and June 22, 2004. Any previous blank MBC applications printed prior to September 19, 2003 are now invalid. If you have any blank MBC applications printed prior to September 19, 2003, please destroy them.

You do not need to submit an Adult Leader Application with the MB Counselor Application since the two forms have been merged into one form with this newly revised application.

To register as a Merit Badge Counselor, you need to print and complete the following application form. It is a 2-page application so, if at all possible, please print the application as a 2-sided form on your printer.

The *new* Merit Badge Counselor Application ***must include*** three signatures in the appropriate areas:

1. The Institutional Head (Chartered Organization Head), Chartered Organization Representative, or ecclesiastical leader;
2. The Unit Committee Chairman
3. The Applicant

Name _____ Phone # _____ Date _____

Unit # _____ District _____ District # _____ -Sub # _____ Stake Name (if applicable) _____

CHECK ONLY ONE: I wish to work only with Unit Number _____ I wish to work with all units.

To register as a counselor for more than 10 merit badges, requires Council approval.

| Rifle & Shotgun MB Counselors Rifle & shotgun MB counselors must be NRA certified. Rifle Certification # _____ Shotgun Certification # _____ OR - Must be a Hunter Safety Instructor Instructor # _____ OR - Must be a Peace Officer Dept. _____ | Vocation Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? If yes, give brief information. If you need more space, use the reverse side. | Avocation Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a "working knowledge" of the requirements? If yes, give brief information. If you need more space, use the reverse side. | Special Training If this subject is not a vocation or avocation, do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, give brief information. If you need more space, use the reverse side. |
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| List merit badge subjects here. 1. | | | |
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Purpose of the Boy Scouts of America

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to promote, through cooperation with other agencies, the ability of youth to do things for themselves and others, and to teach youth patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues. In achieving this purpose, emphasis is placed upon the Boy Scouts of America's educational program and its oaths, promises, and codes for character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness.

Excerpt from the Declaration of Religious Principle

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind

of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. The Boy Scouts of America's policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

Leadership Requirements

The applicant must possess the moral, educational, and emotional qualities that the Boy Scouts of America deems necessary to afford positive leadership to youth. The applicant must also be the correct age, and subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle, and abide by the Scout Oath or Promise, and the Scout Law.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

The Institutional Head (Chartered Organization Head) or Chartered Organization Representative, or ecclesiastical leader, must approve all merit badge counselor applicants from their unit(s). The Institutional Head (Chartered Organization Head)

or Chartered Organization Representative, or ecclesiastical leader, must sign in the appropriate area on the front of this form. The Unit Committee Chairman and the applicant must also sign in the appropriate area on the front of this form.

QUALIFICATIONS

Adults who are not citizens of the United States but who reside within the country may register with the Boy Scouts of America in any capacity if they agree to abide by the Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law, to respect and obey the laws of the United States of America, and to subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle. All merit badge counselors must be 18 years of age or older; be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training; be able to work with Scout-age boys; and be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts; have a Scout and his buddy present at all instructional sessions; and renew their registration annually if they plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

REQUIREMENTS

All merit badge counselors must follow the requirements of the merit badge, making

ETHNIC CODES

BSA receives inquiries from various agencies regarding racial composition. This section is optional. The following codes should be used to indicate ethnic background:

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| AA - African American | CA - Caucasian |
| AI - American Indian | HI - Hispanic |
| AS - Asian | OT - Other |

This application is designed to be an information-gathering aid. Answers given by the applicant are to be verified in those instances where a legitimate question arises as to his/her qualifications.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNIT & DISTRICT SCOUTERS

- Complete this form, then give this form to your Institutional Head (Chartered Organization Head) or ecclesiastical leader for approval.
- After the application has been reviewed and, if necessary, references checked by the Institutional Head (Chartered Organization Head) or ecclesiastical leader, this form must be submitted to your BSA Council Service Center for approval.
- Once all approvals have been secured, the merit badge counselor applicant named on this form is eligible to serve as a merit badge counselor for the subjects listed.