



MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION

YEAR _____

Renew _____ *As a **New Counselor** _____ I have attached an Adult Application as required by National BSA.

Please print or type the following information. List your name as it shows on your BSA registration.

Name _____ Unit# _____ District _____

Address _____ Home Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____ E-mail Address _____

I am currently registered with the BSA as (**position**) _____

Are you an Eagle Scout? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what is your Eagle Rank date? _____

All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. **Even if you are already registered in another position, you must still complete a BSA Adult Application (#524-501) form with the Position Code "42" (no charge).** Note: Effective April 1, 2003, the Social Security Number on all adults is required by the National Boy Scouts of America. Effective June 1, 2010, all adults are required to provide proof of Youth Protection Training with their applications.

To qualify as a merit badge counselor you must:

1. Be at least 18 years old.
2. Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation or avocation.
3. Be able to work with Scout-age youth.
4. Be registered as a Merit Badge Counselor with the Boy Scouts of America. (Submit Adult BSA Application with your Merit Badge Counselor Application.)
5. Attend Merit Badge Counselor Orientation.
I attended Merit Badge Counselor Orientation on: Date _____
6. Attend Youth Protection Training – **Please attach a copy of your card.**
I received Youth Protection Training on: Date _____

The Scouts BSA Handbook instructs the Scouts to meet with you, before they start to establish a mutual understanding of the requirements and their commitment to complete those requirements.

By signing the back of this form, you agree to the following standards:

As a Merit Badge Counselor, I will:

1. Examine the latest revision of the Scouts BSA Merit Badge pamphlet of each Merit Badge I select on the reverse side of this form.
2. Require the Scout to complete all and only all of the requirements.
3. Counsel the Scout to:
 - a. Keep their appointment.
 - b. Be in uniform.
 - c. Bring a legible filled out Merit Badge Card signed in ink by his unit leader or designee.
 - d. In keeping with BSA Youth Protection Guidelines, have multiple Scouts/Adults at every counseling session.
4. Notify the District Advancement Chairman if I can't serve as a Merit Badge Counselor any longer this year.
5. Renew my Merit Badge Counselor application every year. **If I let my membership lapse I will complete a new BSA Adult Application for Merit Badge Counseling.**

MERIT BADGE SUBJECTS

To provide Scouts an opportunity to meet and interact with as many different qualified adults as possible during the Scouting years, it is recommended that no counselor counsel for more than **six (6)** merit badge subjects. ✓ **Check the Merit Badges that you wish to counsel.**

015 ___ American Business	060 ___ Disabilities Awareness	067 ___ Landscape Architecture	098 ___ Rowing+
017 ___ American Cultures	041 ___ Dog Care	068 ___ Law	012 ___ Safety
016 ___ American Heritage	042 ___ Drafting	069 ___ Leatherwork	099 ___ Salesmanship
121 ___ American Labor	043 ___ Electricity	009 ___ Lifesaving*#+	100 ___ Scholarship
018 ___ Animal Science	044 ___ Electronics	071 ___ Mammal Study	143 ___ Scouting Heritage
158 ___ Animation	006 ___ Emergency Prep*#	130 ___ Medicine	138 ___ Scuba Diving+
132 ___ Archaeology	045 ___ Energy	074 ___ Metalwork	101 ___ Sculpture
019 ___ Archery	046 ___ Engineering	155 ___ Mining in Society	150 ___ Search & Rescue
020 ___ Architecture	134 ___ Entrepreneurship	075 ___ Model Design & Building	124 ___ Shotgun Shooting
021 ___ Art	007 ___ Environmental Science*%	076 ___ Motor Boating+	157 ___ Signs, Signals & Codes
022 ___ Astronomy	159 ___ Exploration	156 ___ Movie Making	103 ___ Skating
023 ___ Athletics	129 ___ Family Life*	077 ___ Music	105 ___ Small Boat Sailing+
127 ___ Automotive Maintenance	048 ___ Farm Mechanics	078 ___ Nature	135 ___ Snow Sports
025 ___ Aviation	049 ___ Fingerprinting	024 ___ Nuclear Science	106 ___ Soil & Water Cons.
026 ___ Backpacking	050 ___ Fire Safety	079 ___ Oceanography	107 ___ Space Exploration
027 ___ Basketry	008 ___ First Aid*	080 ___ Orienteering	013 ___ Sports
029 ___ Bird Study	051 ___ Fish and Wildlife Mgmt.	081 ___ Painting	108 ___ Stamp Collecting
032 ___ Bugling	052 ___ Fishing	010 ___ Personal Fitness*	109 ___ Surveying
001 ___ Camping*	136 ___ Fly Fishing	011 ___ Personal Mgmt*	152 ___ Sustainability*%
033 ___ Canoeing+	054 ___ Forestry	082 ___ Pets	014 ___ Swimming*^+
034 ___ Chemistry	151 ___ Game Design	083 ___ Photography	110 ___ Textile
147 ___ Chess	055 ___ Gardening	084 ___ Pioneering	111 ___ Theater
002 ___ Citizenship – Community*	056 ___ Genealogy	085 ___ Plant Science	112 ___ Traffic Safety
003 ___ Citizenship – Nation*	145 ___ Geocaching	086 ___ Plumbing	113 ___ Truck Transportation
004 ___ Citizenship – World*	058 ___ Geology	087 ___ Pottery	114 ___ Veterinary Medicine
133 ___ Climbing	059 ___ Golf	153 ___ Programming	115 ___ Water Sports+
035 ___ Coin Collecting	122 ___ Graphic Arts	089 ___ Public Health	116 ___ Weather
128 ___ Collections	061 ___ Hiking*^	090 ___ Public Speaking	148 ___ Welding
005 ___ Communication*	062 ___ Home Repairs	091 ___ Pulp and Paper	125 ___ Whitewater+
137 ___ Composite Materials	063 ___ Horsemanship	093 ___ Radio	117 ___ Wilderness Survival
038 ___ Cooking*	064 ___ Indian Lore	094 ___ Railroading	118 ___ Wood Carving
131 ___ Crime Prevention	065 ___ Insect Study	095 ___ Reading	119 ___ Woodwork
039 ___ Cycling*^	144 ___ Inventing	096 ___ Reptile and Amp. Study	
040 ___ Dentistry	066 ___ Journalism	123 ___ Rifle Shooting	
154 ___ Digital Technology	149 ___ Kayaking+	146 ___ Robotics	

- * This badge is required for the Eagle Scout Rank.
- ^ Only one of these badges (Swimming, Hiking, or Cycling) can be used as a required M.B. for the Eagle Scout Rank.
- # Only one of these badges (Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving) can be used as a required M.B. for the Eagle Scout Rank.
- % Only one of these badges (Environmental Science or Sustainability) can be used as a required M.B. for the Eagle Scout Rank.
- + Water Activities must meet the requirements of BSA Safe Swim Defense (See BSA Guide to Safe Scouting).

Please list your qualifications for the subjects you have checked: _____

As Merit Badge Counselor, I agree to follow the standards as listed on the first of this application. Please indicate by checking the box which applies, sign and return to the address below:

- I do not wish to be included in the **Council Website**.
- I give my permission to print my name, address, phone number and post on the **Council website** interactive directory of Merit Badge Counselors at www.hoac-bsa.org

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Unit #:** _____ **District:** _____

If you would like to delete or add merit badges to your list after February 1, please email Barbara.Thatsanihone@scouting.org.

Return completed application & accompanying documents to:

Merit Badge Counselor Application
Heart of America Council, BSA
10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131

DISTRICT ACTION

APPROVED AND VERIFIED BY: (INITIAL AND DATE)

DISTRICT DIRECTOR/EXEC. _____

DISTRICT ADVANCEMENT CHAIR _____

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