



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 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

The National Council places no limit on the number of merit badges an individual may be approved to counsel, except to the extent a person lacks skills and education in a given subject. The intent is for Scouts to learn from those with an appropriate level of expertise. ✓ **Check the Merit Badges that you wish to counsel.**

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| 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 jeff.tyler@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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