



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION

To qualify as a

✓ Be at least 18 years old

Merit Badge Counselor, you **MUST**:

✓ Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation or avocation

✓ Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and Youth Protection Trained

Name:		BSA ID #:		Youth Protection Date:	
Most recent Scout registration: Pack, Troop or Crew # ____ District Volunteer ____ Year ____ I am new to Scouting ____					
Home Address:		District:		Date of Birth:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:			
Email Address:		Work Phone:			
Employer/Occupation:		Years at this employment:			
Business Address:		Past Scout or Scouter?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Scouts may contact me by (circle all that apply):					
Email		Home Phone		Cell Phone	
				Business Phone	
All Merit Badge Counselors <u>MUST</u> submit a BSA Adult Application along with this form and proof of Youth Protection Training.					

I request certification as a counselor for the following merit badges:

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

My qualifications(s) and experience are: (You may attach additional information as needed for each badge.)

Please provide sufficient relevant data regarding your profession, academic and/or personal training & experience: or active hobbies to which you have acquired skills so as to demonstrate adequate knowledge to counsel Scouts for the above badge(s). Also, indicate experience relating to young people, e.g. Sunday School Teacher, Little League Coach, School Teacher, Assistant Scoutmaster, etc.

As a Merit Badge Counselor, I agree to: (1) follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions, additions or changes, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts; (2) Have a Scout or buddy present at every meeting/conference; (3) use the most current requirements as published by the Boy Scouts of America.

X _____
 Signature of applicant

 Date

UNTIL THIS APPLICATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED AND YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL FROM YOUR DEAN, YOU ARE NOT APPOINTED AS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

**Please note: You should not serve as a Merit Badge Counselor for more than 6 merit badges, and you should not counsel any Scout on more than 3 merit badges.*

Mail your completed Merit Badge Counselor Application to the Council Service Center

Patriots' Path Council
1 Saddle Road
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927
Attention: Cindy Van Carpels
Phone: (973) 765-9322 x232
Fax: (973) 267-3407

REMINDER: Even if you are already registered with the Boy Scouts of America, but are new to being a Merit Badge Counselor, you must complete and submit a new BSA Adult Application as well.

CHANGES: To add or change the badges which you counsel or your contact information, please contact your District Merit Badge Dean.

All questions about being a Merit Badge Counselor can be directed to your District Merit Badge Dean:

District Merit Badge Deans

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ADULT APPLICATION

This application is also available in Spanish. Esta solicitud también está disponible en español.

Your participation in the BSA can help youth become better citizens.

Adult leaders serve as important role models for youth in the BSA and this application aids the chartered organization in selecting qualified adult volunteer leaders.

Youth Protection Training

All adult applicants are required to take this training in order to complete the adult application process. Go to my.Scouting.org to create an account and take the training online or contact your local council for classroom training. Include a copy of your completion certificate with this application.

Mission

The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Criminal Background Check*

In order to complete the adult application process, you will need to review the different disclosures that have been separately provided to you. The separate authorization form must be signed and returned when you submit your application.

Excerpt From the Declaration of Religious Principle

The BSA 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 it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. Only persons willing to subscribe to these precepts from the Declaration of Religious Principle and the Bylaws of the BSA shall be entitled to register.

**The three different background check forms must be torn off and each separately given to the applicant.*

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Leader Requirements

The BSA is open to all who meet the requirements, and leaders are selected based on individual merit. Adult leaders must possess the moral, educational, and emotional qualities that the BSA deems necessary for positive leadership to youth. They must also:

- Abide by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Scouter Code of Conduct. The Scouter Code of Conduct can be found at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouters-code-of-conduct/.
- Subscribe to the precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle.
- Reside within the USA or a U.S. territory, or be a U.S. citizen residing outside the USA.
- Be 21 years of age or older for primary leadership positions.
- Be 18 years of age or older for assistant leadership positions.
- Complete Youth Protection training (YPT) before application is processed and renew training as required by going to my.Scouting.org and creating an account.
- Review the disclosure information related to the BSA's background check process and complete and sign a Background Check Authorization form.
- Take leader position-specific training at my.Scouting.org. Classroom training may also be available through your local council.

APPROVAL REQUIRED—UNIT ADULTS

Chartered organization head or chartered organization representative. The chartered organization representative is approved by the head of the chartered organization. All other adult leader applications must be accepted and approved by the head of the chartered organization or the chartered organization representative.

APPROVAL REQUIRED—COUNCIL and DISTRICT ADULTS

Scout executive or designee must accept and approve all council and district adults.

Scout executive or designee must approve any adults who answer “yes” to any Additional Information question.

The adult leader application process will not be complete until Youth Protection training has been completed and a criminal background check has been obtained.

Health information. You should inform your unit leadership of any condition that might limit your participation. Before participating in activities with your unit, please fill out the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, found on www.scouting.org/forms and provide it to your unit leadership.

Scouting magazine. This magazine is sent to all registered, paid adult leaders.

Scout Life. Registered adults get a special rate. For a subscription to a magazine that helps children grow in the Scouting program, just fill in the *Scout Life* circle on the application and pay the subscription price.

The J. Warren Young Literacy Fund. You can give a Scout the opportunity to enjoy a free subscription to *Scout Life* for one to five years. Go to go.boyslife.org/donate to donate. The local council will identify Scouts who do not have the funds to subscribe. Do a Good Turn today. Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders.

The annual national registration fee is nonrefundable.

BSA Privacy Policy

The BSA protects the confidentiality of the names and personal information of those who are affiliated with the organization. No commercial or unauthorized use is made of the names, addresses, and other confidential information. The BSA and its affinity groups may use registration information to notify registrants of benefit opportunities.

For general questions, contact your local BSA council.

What Is the BSA Program?

The BSA program is outlined in the official publications of the BSA. Activities that are not in these BSA publications are not a part of the Scouting program. Leaders must not allow youth members or program participants to engage in any unauthorized or prohibited activities.

Training for New Leaders

The BSA is committed to your success as a volunteer while serving young people. To help you be successful there are training materials designed for you. Training resources are available through your local council and at my.Scouting.org.

What Makes a Trained Leader?

You are considered a trained leader when you have completed leader position-specific training for your position and have current Youth Protection training.

Youth Protection Begins With You™

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting.

The BSA is committed to providing a safe environment for young people. All adult leaders must complete Youth Protection training as part of the registration process and renew their training as required. It is highly recommended that parents who participate in Scouting activities complete YPT. To learn more about the BSA's Youth Protection resources, go to www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/.

Mandatory Reporting

All persons involved in Scouting must immediately report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused; physically or emotionally neglected; exposed to any form of violence or threat; or exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

Additionally, any **known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk** must also be reported to the local Scout executive or the Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1 or 1-844-726-8871) if your Scout executive or local council cannot be reached.

Youth Protection Policies

- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.

These and other key Youth Protection policies are addressed in the training and at www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/.

To learn about the BSA's other health and safety policies, please review the online version of the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, the Scouter Code of Conduct, and the Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety, which are available at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

BSA ADULT APPLICATION

Please print one letter in each space.

First name (Full legal name)

Middle name

Last name

Suffix

Preferred nickname:

Country

Home address

City

State

Zip code

Primary phone

Alternate phone

Ext.

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Ethnic background:

- Black/African American
 Native American
 Alaska Native
 Asian
 Caucasian/White
 Hispanic/Latino
 Pacific Islander
 Other

Driver's license No.

State

Gender

- M
 F

Social Security No. (required)

Occupation

Employer

Country

Business address

City

State

Zip code

Position code

Scouting position title

Are you an Eagle Scout?

Date earned (mm/dd/yyyy)

- Yes
 No

Email address (Select one)

- Work
 Home

 Scout Life subscription

I hereby certify that:

- I have read and affirm that I accept the Declaration of Religious Principle. I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the BSA and the local council, including the Scouter Code of Conduct.
- I affirm that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

INITIALS REQUIRED

Signature of applicant

Date

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- YPT completion certificate attached
 Background Check Authorization form attached

To be completed by unit

Careful review of the information provided on this application is a significant step in Scouting's efforts to protect its youth members and deliver a quality program.

APPROVALS FOR UNIT ADULTS: I have reviewed this application and the responses to any questions answered "Yes," and have made any follow-up inquiries necessary to be satisfied that the applicant possesses the moral, educational, and emotional qualities to be an adult leader in the BSA.

APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL AND DISTRICT ADULTS: I have reviewed this application and have made any follow-up inquiries necessary to be satisfied that the applicant possesses the moral, educational, and emotional qualities to be an adult leader in the BSA.

Signature of chartered organization head or representative

Date

Signature of Scout executive or designee

Date

- Unit type: Pack Troop New leader Position change
 Crew Ship Former leader Participant

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished at no charge by transferring the registration or multiple registering.

- Transfer application
 Multiple application

Enter membership number from unexpired certificate:

Unit No.

OR

District name

Council No.:

- Unit type: Pack Troop
 Crew Ship

Unit No. or District name:

Registration fee \$

Scout Life fee \$

PAID: Cash Check No. _____ Credit card

All questions MUST be answered. Write NONE if applicable.

- Scouting background. Position _____ Council _____ Year _____
- Experience working with youth in other organizations. Please provide contact information. _____
- Previous residences (for last 10 years). City _____ State _____
- Current memberships (religious, community, business, labor, or professional organizations). _____
- References. Please list those who are familiar with your character. References may be checked.
 - Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
 - Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
 - Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
- Additional information. Yes No (Mark each answer.)
 - a. Have you ever been removed from or asked to leave a leadership position in an organization due to allegations regarding your personal conduct or behavior? Explain: _____
 - b. Do you use illegal drugs or abuse alcohol? Explain: _____
 - c. Have you ever been arrested for a criminal offense (other than minor traffic violations)? Explain: _____
 - d. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? Explain: _____
 - e. Have you ever been investigated for, accused of, or charged with abuse or neglect of a minor child? Explain: _____
 - f. Are you aware of any reason not listed above that may call into question your suitability to supervise, guide, care for, and lead young people? _____

BACKGROUND CHECK DISCLOSURE

A consumer report is a background check in which information (which may include, but is not limited to, criminal background, driving background, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living) about you is gathered and communicated by a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”) to Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”).

Company may obtain a consumer report on you to be used for employment purposes (in your case, this means for the purpose of evaluating you as a new or existing volunteer).

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES & BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

Additional Disclosures

The state disclosures below are included because state law requires them to be provided in writing. Some of the below rights, notices, or information also may apply to individuals from, applying to, or volunteering in states not listed below. There may be additional requirements, options, or provisions applicable to you and you may have additional rights under applicable law that are not required to be disclosed to you in writing.

Minnesota: You have the right to request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report from First Advantage, P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348, 800-845-6004.

New York: Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) may request or utilize subsequent consumer reports (other than investigative consumer reports) on you throughout your volunteer relationship with Company. Upon request, you will be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested, and if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the CRA that furnished the report. Your written request should be made to Company at Boy Scouts of America, Membership Standards Team S201, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving Texas 75015-2079. You may also contact the Company by email at MembershipStandards@scouting.org.

Authorization

(Please print)

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

List any other names used (nickname, maiden/married last names): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Unit Type and Number: _____

To the extent permitted by applicable law, I hereby consent to and authorize the Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) to procure consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s) and/or investigative consumer report(s), on my background from a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”) or from an investigative consumer reporting agency (“ICRA”), as described in the **Background Check Disclosure** (which I have received separately from the Company), as well as these **Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization**. I have reviewed and understand the information, statements, and notices in the **Background Check Disclosure**, as well as these **Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization**. My authorization remains valid throughout my volunteer relationship with the Company, such that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, I agree Company can procure additional consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s), during my volunteer relationship without providing additional disclosures or obtaining additional authorizations. Except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, I consent to and authorize the Company to share this information with Company’s current or prospective clients, customers, others with a need to know, and/or their agents for business reasons (e.g., to place me in certain positions, work sites, etc.). I understand that, if I am selected for a volunteer position, a consumer report will have been conducted on me.

For Minnesota, or Oklahoma individuals: If you would like to receive from the CRA, the ICRA, or the Company (as applicable) a copy of the report that Company may procure, please check this box.

Signature _____ Date _____