

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION

(Please Print and Complete both Sides)

Name _____ (Date of birth) _____

Address _____ Phone (Work) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

District _____ Current Scouting Position _____ Unit # _____

Currently registered as a Merit Badge Counselor in addition to other positions? (Yes / No)

To Qualify as a Merit Badge Counselor (MBC), you must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training
- Be able to work with Scout-age boys.
- Be registered with BSA as MBC (an Adult Registration Form with Position Code 42 must accompany this application, unless you are already registered specifically as a Merit Badge Counselor).
- Application will NOT be approved without applicant's signature on back.

MERIT BADGES

	Vocation Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? If yes, give brief information on 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 on reverse side.	Special Training Do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, give brief information on reverse side.
List merit badge subjects here. Limit of 8			
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THE MERIT BADGE PROGRAM IS ONE OF SCOUTING'S BASIC CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT TOOLS.

- This is accomplished by putting boys in contact with as many different counselors as possible, with whom they may not be acquainted. (Remember the Scout must bring a buddy to each meeting.)
- Counselors must be actively involved in the merit badges they counsel.
- You must renew your merit badge certification **each year**. All counselor registrations expire **May 31st**. You will be contacted by mail to renew every year.
- Child Abuse is a serious problem in our society. BSA has established youth protection guidelines to protect both the youth and adults involved in Scouting. As a counselor, you must give each Scout individual attention, however, you must not work alone with him. A Scout must have a buddy (another Scout, friend, or parent), and it is recommended that the counselor have a member of his or her own family visibly present at all times.

AS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR, I AGREE TO:

1. Include on my Adult Application my **Social Security Number** for the purpose of a background check.
2. Follow the requirements in the merit badge pamphlet, ensuring that the advancement standards are **FAIR and UNIFORM** for all Scouts.
3. Make sure that the Scout has a merit badge application card **SIGNED** by his **UNIT LEADER** **before** he starts the badge.
4. Without changing the requirements, make the Scout aware of the **DEEPER** aspects of the subject from my knowledge and experience.
5. Require the Scout to bring a **BUDDY** (another Scout, friend or parent) to all merit badge sessions.
6. Keep my **REGISTRATION CURRENT**, if I plan to continue as a counselor. All MBC registrations expire **May 31st of each year**. **Please keep a copy of this completed application for your records.**

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, READ "MERIT BADGE COUNSELING" (No.34532A)

I agree to the terms listed above, and have met the qualification requirements.

NOTE: a BSA Adult Registration Form with position MBC must accompany this application if this is an initial application to be a Merit Badge Counselor, or if your counselor registration has expired.

Signature _____ Social Security # (Required) _____
(Applicant)

Date _____

Email Address: _____