

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.
- Application will **NOT** be approved without applicant’s signature on back.

MERIT BADGES

	Vocation <small>Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? If yes, give brief information on blank sheet of paper.</small>	Avocation <small>Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a “working knowledge” of the requirements? If yes, give brief information on blank sheet of paper.</small>	Special Training <small>Do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, give brief information on blank sheet of paper.</small>
List merit badges here. Limit of 8			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

I wish to work with Troop only: # _____ (You must be a **paid** registrant with the Troop to do this)

District Committee Approved: _____ Date: _____

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 **every three (3) years**. All counselor registrations expire May 31st. You will be contacted by mail to when it is time to renew.
- Child Abuse is a serious problem in our society. BSA has established youth protection guidelines to protect 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/her, own family visibly present at all times. **You MUST complete Youth Protection Training, online at www.myscouting.org, or by DVD from the Council Service Center, 804-355-4306 and attach the Youth Protection Training certificate of completion to your application in order to become a registered Merit Badge Counselor.**

AS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR, I AGREE TO:

1. Follow the requirements in the most current merit badge pamphlet, ensuring that the advancement standards are **FAIR and UNIFORM for all Scouts**.
2. Make sure the Scout has a merit badge application card **SIGNED** by his UNIT LEADER **before** he begins the badge.
3. Without changing the requirements, make the Scout aware of the **DEEPER** aspects of the subject from my knowledge and experience.
4. Require the Scout to bring a **BUDDY** (another Scout, friend or parent) to all merit badge sessions.
5. Keep my REGISTRATION CURRENT, if I plan to continue as a counselor. **Please keep a copy of this completed application for your records.**
6. Complete and maintain your Youth Protection Training (must be taken every 2 years).

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 Application, which includes the Disclosure Authorization Form, with position MBC, or code "42", must accompany this application if this is an initial application to be a Merit Badge Counselor, or if your counselor registration has expired.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Applicant)

Email Address: _____