

# Merit Badge Counselor Application

Please print or type.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts will use  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Currently registered with Pack Troop Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Indicate Which Badges and Qualifications on Reverse

To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation or avocation (provide certification as needed)
- Be able to work with Scout-age boys (11 to 18 years old)
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America as a Merit Badge Counselor (if not currently registered as MBC, submit an adult application with this form).

As a merit badge counselor, you agree to:

- Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all scouts.
- Have two or more Scouts present at all instructional sessions, or a Scout and his parent present (**No "one-on-one" counseling**).
- Notify Rip Van Winkle Council directly, if you decide to stop counseling or wish to change the badges you will counsel. (An annual letter of renewal will be sent in April.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and an adult application (*required as you are now joining on the Council/District level*) to:

**Rip Van Winkle Council, BSA**  
**75 Pine Street**  
**Kingston, NY 12401-4937**

Upon approval, you will be notified by mail and may then begin to counsel. We suggest you obtain a copy of the merit badge pamphlet for each subject you are approved for and have it available when counseling. Merit Badge books are available for purchase at the Council Service Center, located at 75 Pine Street in Kingston (845) 339-0846.

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Application Received By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Certified By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

MBC# \_\_\_\_\_ Posted \_\_\_\_\_ Advised \_\_\_\_\_ Dropped \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate A B and / or C Next to Badges You Wish to Counsel**

- A In line with my job, business, profession**  
**B Hobby (Have better than working knowledge)**  
**C Special training or other qualification**

**Note: An individual will not be approved to counsel more than 10 badges.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Business        | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Cultures        | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneering                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage        | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science      | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Science             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Labor           | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life                | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science           | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Mechanics             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology              | <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinting             | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety                | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture             | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulp & Paper              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroading               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Fishing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Mechanics           | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile & Amphibian Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening                  | <input type="checkbox"/> * <b>Rifle Shooting</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking              | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Study               | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Salesmanship              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bugling                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Arts               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ^ <b>Scuba</b>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry                | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Repairs               | <input type="checkbox"/> * <b>Shotgun Shooting</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinematography           | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship               | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Lore                | <input type="checkbox"/> Small – Boat Sailing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in Nation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Study               | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in World     | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil & Water Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> + <b>Climbing</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture     | <input type="checkbox"/> Space Exploration         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin Collecting          | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections              | <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherwork                | <input type="checkbox"/> Stamp Collecting          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications           | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaving                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveying                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composite Materials      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Study               | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers                | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Textile                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention         | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Design & Building    | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboating               | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck Transportation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry                | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Awareness     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Sports              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Care                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Science            | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oceanography               | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity              | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering               | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Survival       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics              | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Carving              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness   | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness           | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Management        |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets                       |  |

+ **Must be C.O.P.E. certified instructor**

^ **Must be PADI / NAUI / SSI / IDEA / PDIC / SDI or WRSTC certified instructor**

\* **Must be certified firearms instructor with the BSA, NRA, DEC, US military, law enforcement or corrections department**

Please describe qualifications for badges selected.