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### On-line Applications That Are Defect Free And Easy To Do Introduction





#### Why use on-line applications:

- The applications are defect free.
- The person applying can quickly be added your roster.
- They don't get lost in the system.
- All persons who need to know can easily access and find the status of an application.

Online applications are a time saving tool that allows us to get back to doing the things we signed up to do in Scouting, like, planning and doing outdoor activities, and recruitment. Not sitting in traffic and driving applications around. Or insecurely e-mailing applications with personal information. Or chasing down a defect because of missing initials. So why do we use online applications? Well, the applications come in defect free, the person applying can quickly be added to the unit roster, the applications don't get lost in the system, and all persons who need to know can easily access and find the status of the application in invitation manager or application manager.

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#### **On-Line Applications**

There are three parts to the on-line registration tool:

- Invitation Manager
- Digital Application
- Application Manager

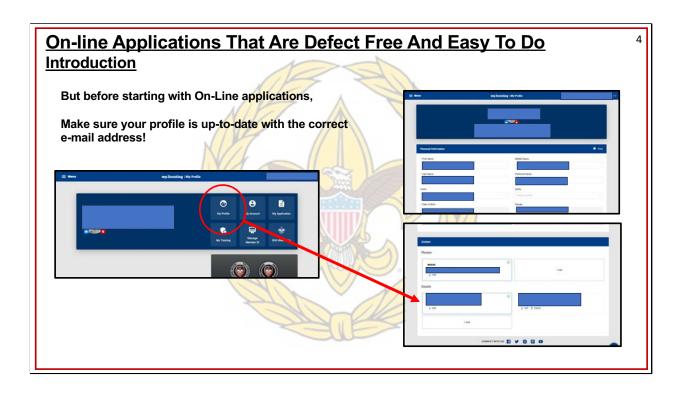
Both the Invitation Manager and Application Manager are accessed through your My. Scouting account.

The Digital Applications are accessed through BeAScout.org or through QR Codes or URL's available in Invitation Manager or self generated QR codes and URL's from BeAScout.org

This system is not designed to be used for youth or adult renewals.

There are three distinct parts to the registration tool. The first one is invitation manager. The next is the actual digital application. And the final is the application manager. The application manager and the invitation manager can be easily accessed through your My.Scouting account. Digital applications can be accessed through BeAScout.org, through QR codes or URLs that are available in invitation manager or your My.Scouting account. The system is not designed to be used to handle youth or adult renewals, it is strictly for new youth and adults.

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But before we get started on the use of online applications, one thing that we want to make sure is to check in your My. Scouting profile to make sure that you have a correct and active e-mail address. If you do not have a current e-mail address in your profile you may not receive notifications of online applications for approval.



Let's talk for a moment about invitation manager.

On-line Applications That Are Defect Free And Easy To Do Invitation Manager

#### **KEY UNIT ROLES AND ACTIONS IN INVITATION MANAGER**

The following unit positions have full access to the Invitation Manager Dashboard on My. Scouting where they can add leads, manage inquiries from prospective Scouts, and send joining invitations:

- · Chartered organization representative (COR)\*
- · Committee chair (CC)\*
- Unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Skipper, Coach)\*
- Institutional Head/Chartered Organization Executive Officer (IH)
- · New Unit Coordinator
- Key 3 Delegate
  - \* = Members of the Unit Key 3

The Unit Key 3 can assign a "Registration Inquiry" functional role to other unit volunteers who need read only access to view lead status and submitted requests.

In addition to commissioners, there are several unit roles that have access to and can take action in invitation manager. They include the COR, the committee chair, the unit leader, the institutional head, the new Unit coordinator, and key 3 delegates. The unit key three can also assign the registration inquiry functional role to other unit volunteers who need read only access to invitation leads.

## On-line Applications That Are Defect Free And Easy To Do Invitation Manager

What is Invitation Manager and what is its purpose?

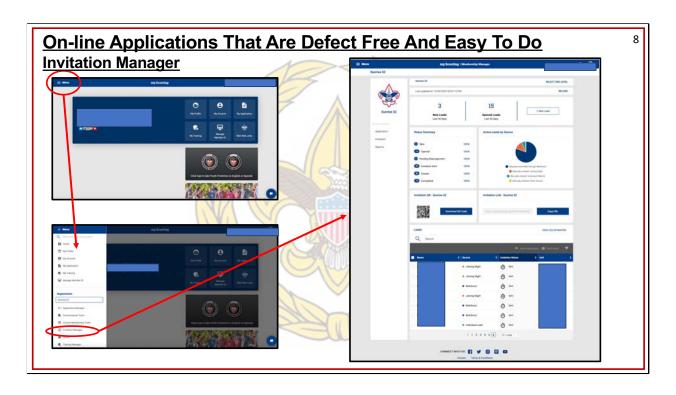
The Invitation Manager tool can help bring awareness to a unit.

- Ask parents and youth in your unit to talk with others and hand out cards or flyers with your unit's QR code or URL to the online application
- Have parents or youth give you the names and email addresses of friends that they think would be interested in Scouting, input them in the Invitation Manager and send them an invitation to join. (Make sure that the invitation for anyone under 18 is sent to the parent's or guardian's email address as the parent or guardian is required to register youth under 18 years of age.)
- Invitation Manager is also connected to BeAScout, an internet-based tool that parents can use to find a unit in their area. So, families who want to join Scouting can also find your unit there to send in requests for more information or apply directly and complete an application and pay online so that it is ready for you to accept.

So what is invitation manager and what is its purpose? The invitation manager is a tool that can be used to:

- Bring awareness to the unit, so parents and youth and unit leaders can put a URL or a QR code on a flyer or a card and and give that out, and spread information about that particular unit.
- Invitation manager has the ability that if youth or parents or friends of the unit know of friends that may be interested in Scouting, they can give unit leaders the names and addresses of those friends so and invitation can be sent, and,
- Finally, invitation manager is connected to BeAScout.org, which parents can use to seek out scouting programs local to them for their children. It provides parents with a direct access to the unit to ask for more information or to apply membership, all online.

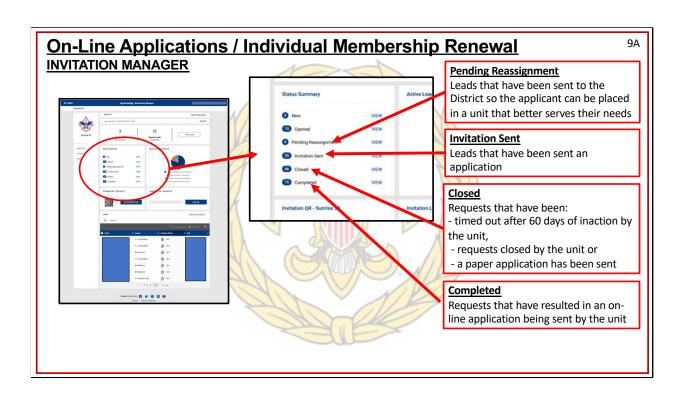
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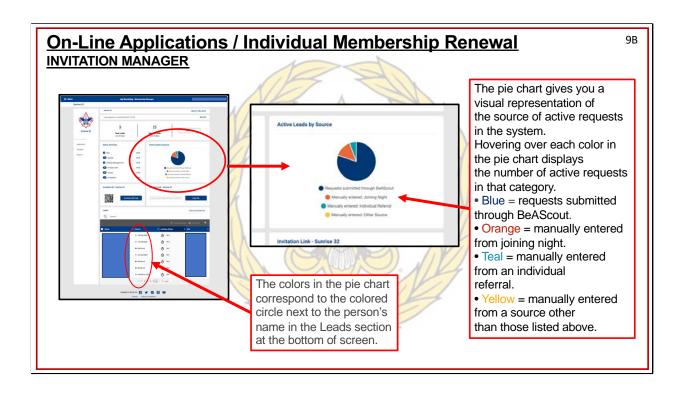


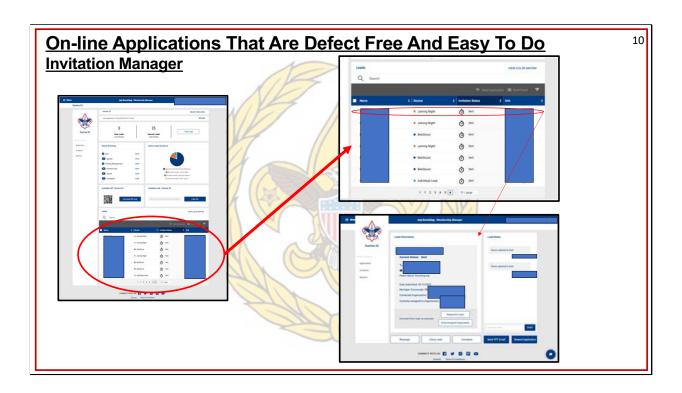
Invitation Manager is easily accessed by a unit leader's or commissioner's My. Scouting account simply by entering their account then clicking on menu. They would select either the unit or district from the drop down menu and then click on invitation manager. Then the screen that is shown on the right side of the page will appear, showing the front page of invitation manager.



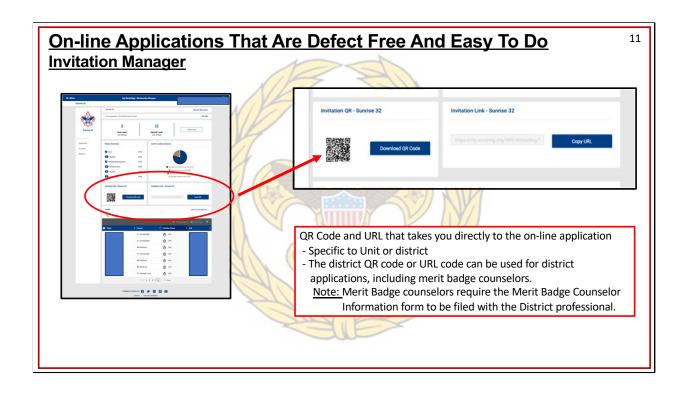
The top bar of invitation manager shows key information, especially for commissioners. On that top bar the first thing that is shown are leads that are generated by BeAScout but that have not yet been looked at. It is an opportunity for a commissioner to follow up if those leads that are generated have not been looked at for a short period of time, a commissioner can contact a unit leader to find out why that unit lead has not yet been followed up on. The next column shows the leads that have been opened but not yet followed up on, again that also provides an opportunity for a commissioner to follow up with the unit leaders to see what is happening on that particular lead. The final column in that top bar gives the ability to enter a new lead and send an invitation and application to a prospective member. That would be primarily used by a unit leader but a commissioner should be aware that that tool is available.



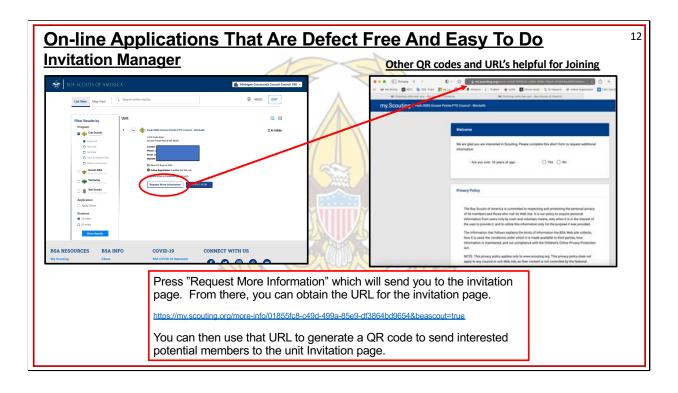




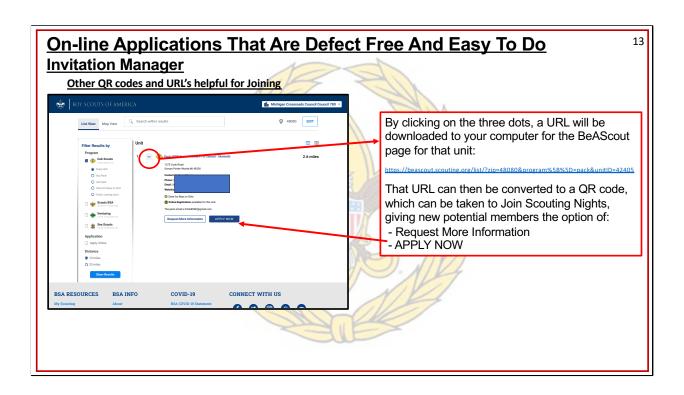
Once an invitation has been sent out, each individual invitation will be listed at the bottom of the invitation manager page. From there, a unit leader or Commissioner can look and see that individual invitation and also see its current status. This is a good opportunity for Commissioner follow-up if an invitation has been lingering for an extended period of time.



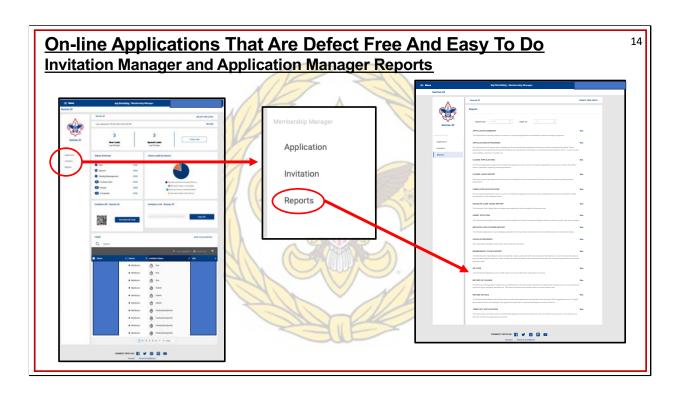
The next section on invitation manager that we want to take a look at is about halfway down the page in the middle. You will notice that there's a QR code and a URL code. That QR code and URL will take you directly to an online application. Those QR codes and URLs are specific to a particular unit or district. The district QR code and URL code can be used for district role applications including merit badge counselors. Merit badge counselors will also require the merit badge counselor information form to be filled out and given to the district professional for processing.



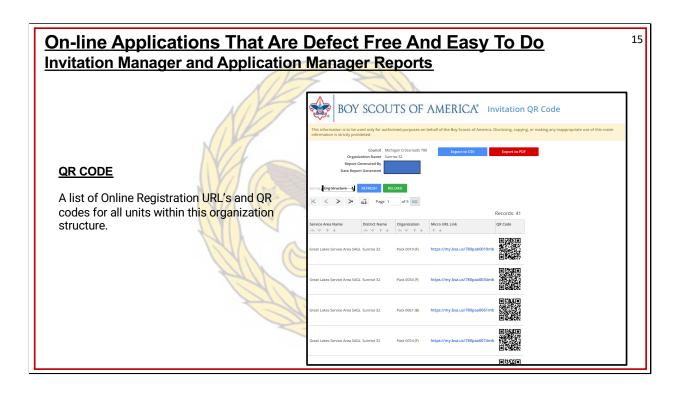
Another great way to get information out about a unit is to develop a URL or QR code to distribute to potential members is by using the BeAScout.org page. By clicking on the <u>request more information</u> button, a web page will open up, shown on the right side of the screen. At the top of the page, in your browser bar, will be a URL. You can take that URL and make a QR code of the URL. And you can send that URL or QR code to potential members, giving them the opportunity to learn more about the unit by sending them directly to the unit's invitation page.



Another great source of a helpful URL that can be made into a QR code also comes from BeAScout.org. You will notice on the upper left corner of the BeAScout.org unit entry there are three dots. When you click on the three dots, a URL for the units BeAScout.org page will be downloaded to your computer. You can then use that URL, or make a QR code, which will take the potential recruit directly to the BeAScout.org page for that unit. This will give potential new members the option of either requesting more information or clicking on apply now and applying directly to the unit.



In invitation manager and application manager, in the left column you will notice a listing that shows reports. In the reports column one of the reports that is available is a QR code report.



In the QR code report you will see a listing for all the application QR codes for the entire district. There is also a micro URL link that can also be used as a URL to link to applications for that particular unit. The report also shows QR codes and URL's for district applications.

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### <u>Creating a QR (Quick Response) Code is simple and straight forward:</u>

### There is a QR code generator in:

- Google Chrome
- In the Shortcuts app in the Mac operating system
- Microsoft Edge

### Also:

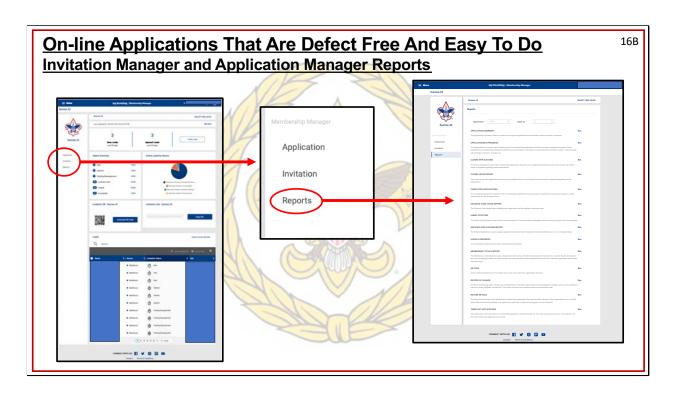
- There are apps that are available for phones.
- There is software that can be purchased.

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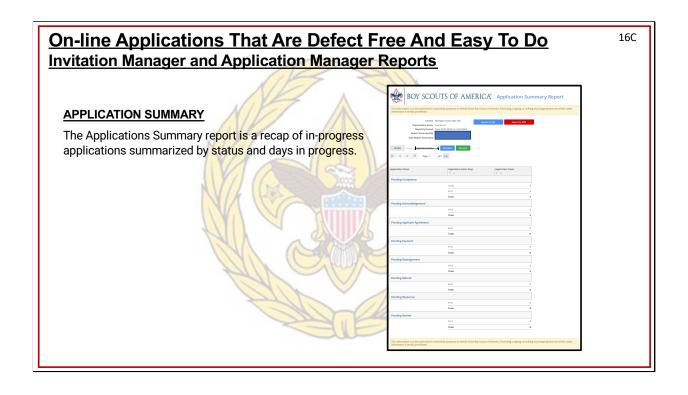


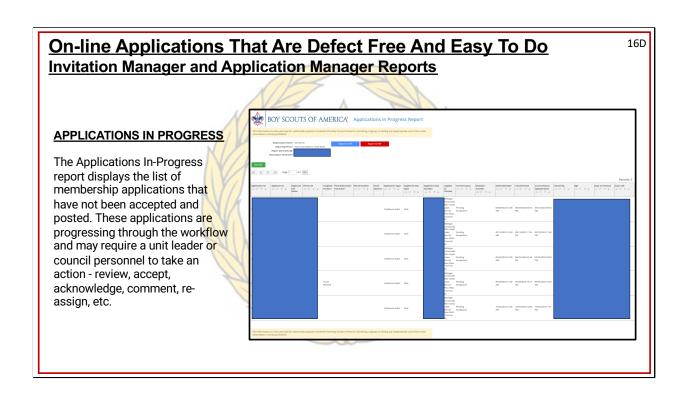
We have talked a lot about QR codes and setting them up based on a URL, I wanted to briefly go over how to create a QR or Quick Response code. It is fairly simple and straightforward. There is a QR code generator in Google Chrome and in Microsoft Edge. In a Mac operating system, it's a little less straightforward but it can be found in the Shortcuts app. The Shortcuts app is included in the Mac operating system. There are also numerous apps that are available for your phone. Just to demonstrate a QR code that was developed from a URL, if you look at the bottom of the page, there is a QR code shown and that QR code will take you directly to the michiganscouting.org web page.

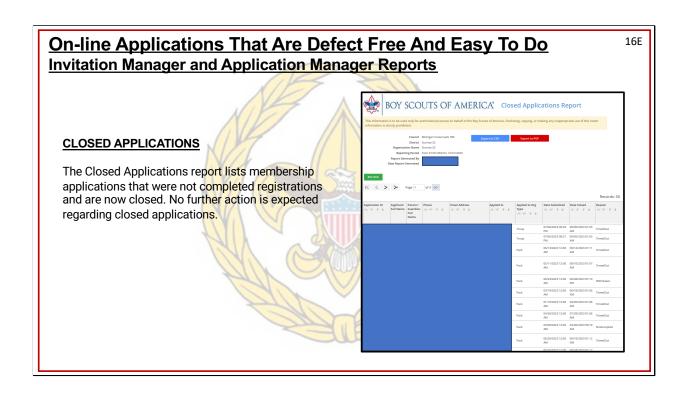


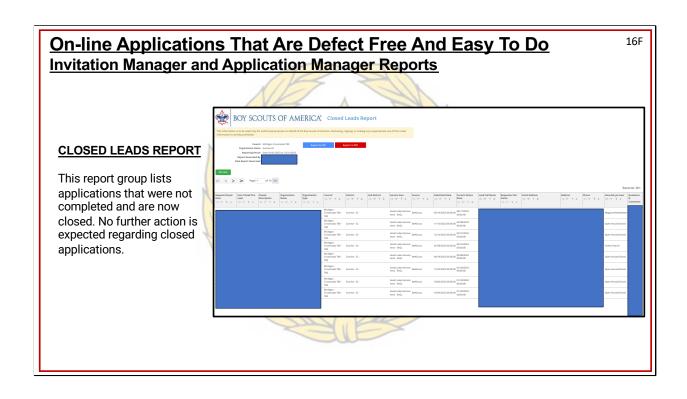


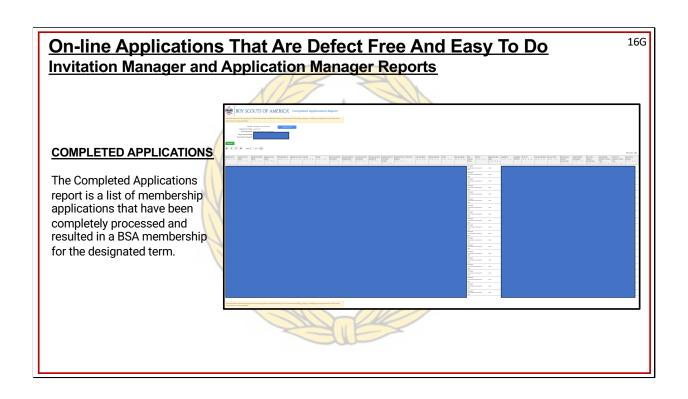
The Reports in Invitation Manager are the same as the reports in Application Manager.

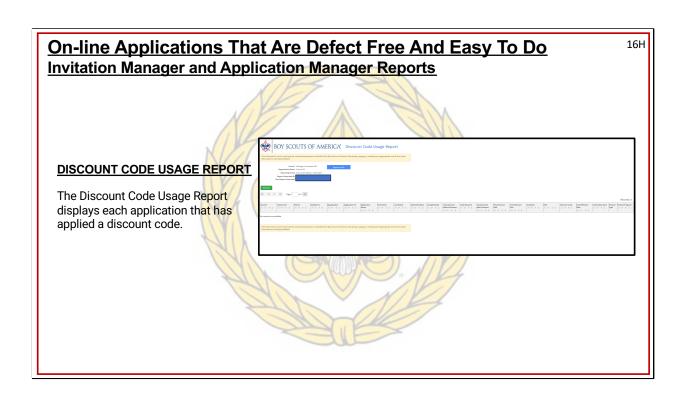


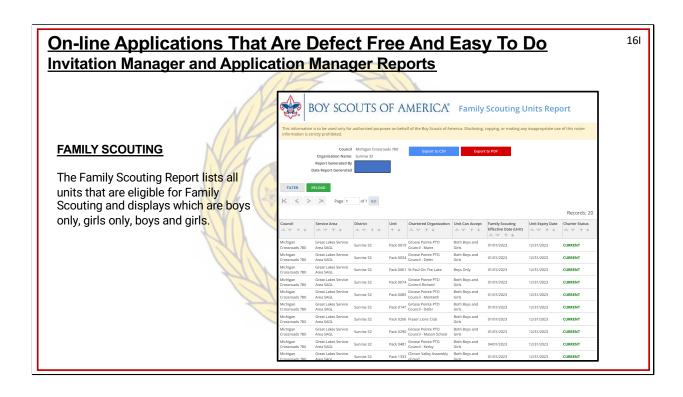


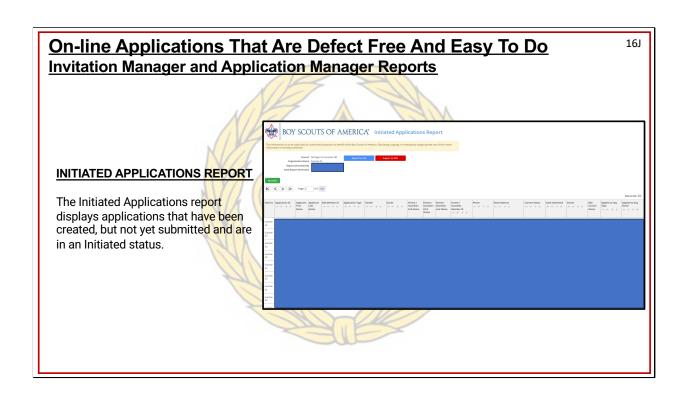


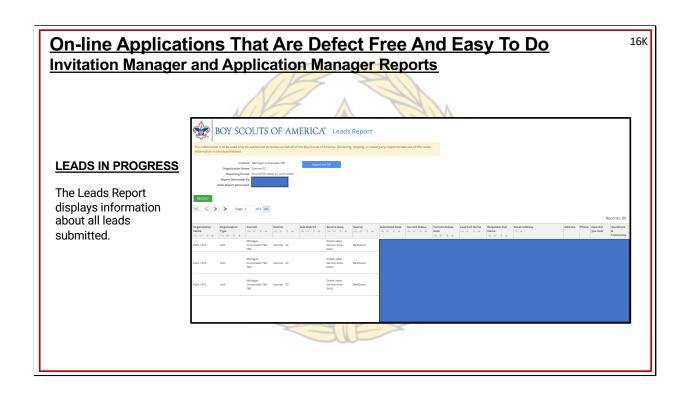




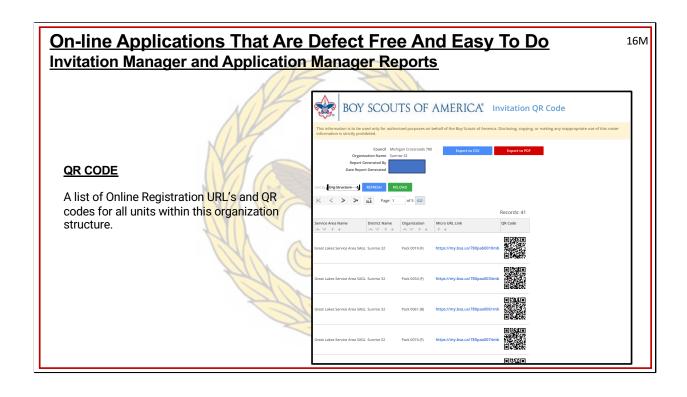


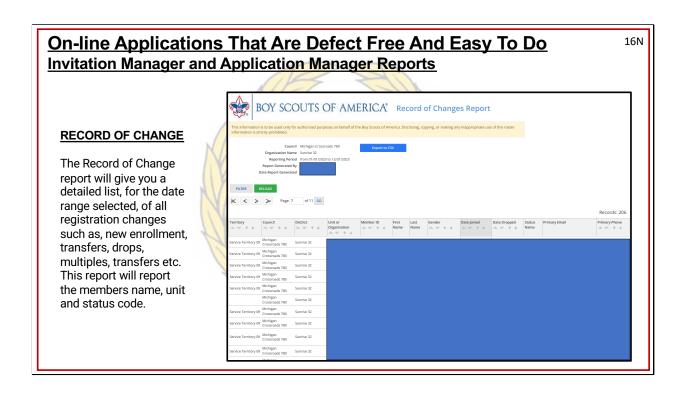


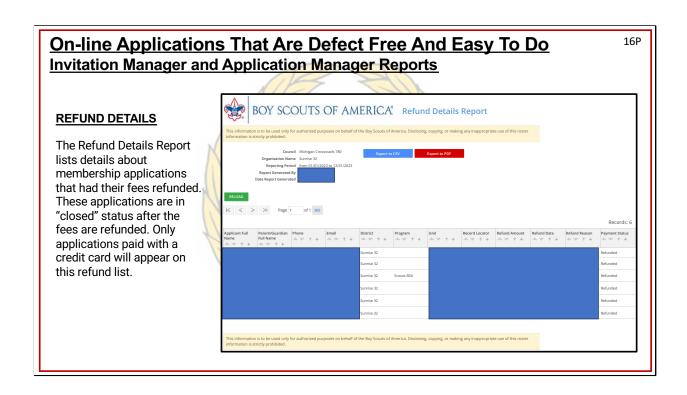


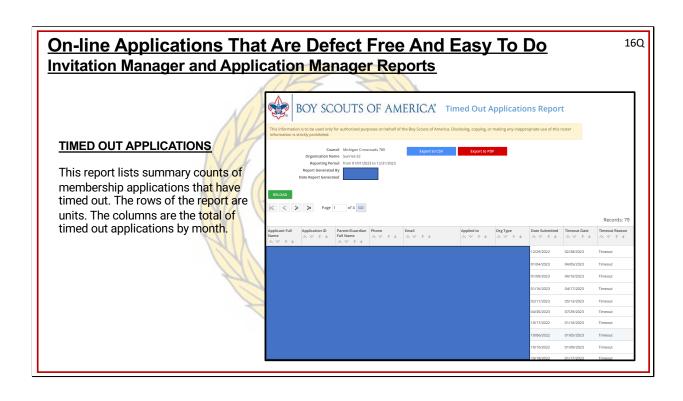








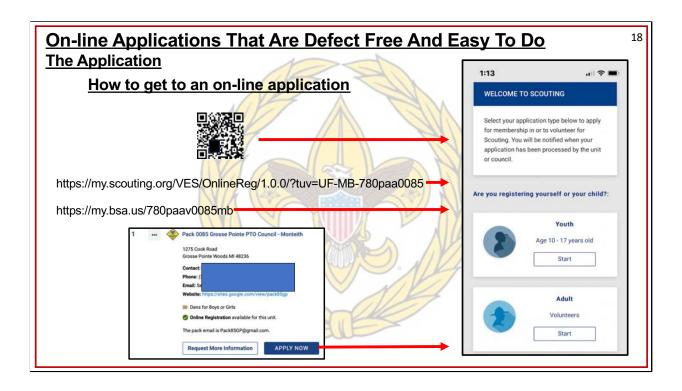




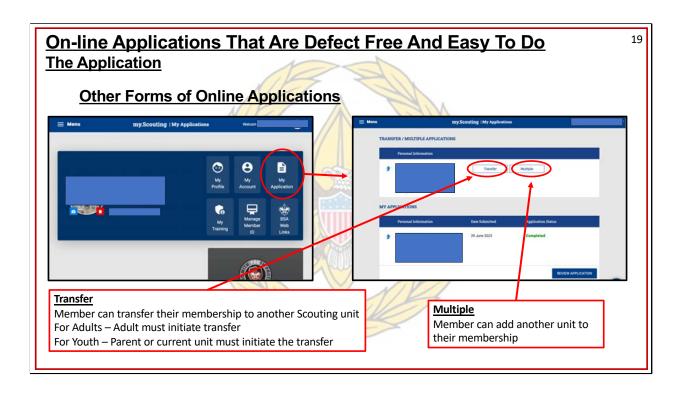
### On-line Applications That Are Defect Free And Easy To Do Invitation Manager and Application Manager Reports 16R APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS APPLICATION SUMMARY **CLOSED APPLICATIONS** CLOSED LEADS REPORT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DISCOUNT CODE USAGE REPORT FAMILY SCOUTING INITIATED APPLICATIONS REPORT LEADS IN PROGRESS MEMBERSHIP TOTALS REPORT RECORD OF CHANGE QR CODE **REFUND DETAILS** TIMED OUT APPLICATIONS



The next step in the process is the application itself.



There are four different ways to access an online application. Through the units QR code. Or using the URL that is found in invitation manager. Or using the mini URL that can be found in the QR code report. Or by applying directly through the BeAScout.org listing. Once in the application process, youth applications are easily completed by filling-in youth and parent partner information. Adult applications are filled-out with contact and personal information, the on-line CBC form and completing Youth protection training.



Another form of paperless membership transactions are Transfer and Multiple registrations which are handled through the *my application* link found in your my.scouting.org account. By clicking on *my application*, you can either transfer your membership to another unit or you can become a multiple member in another unit.

## On-line Applications That Are Defect Free And Easy To Do The Application

Registrations That Still Require Paper Applications

Youth who turns 18 – Adult role or Participant Role

Changes to COR

Applications with Financial Aid

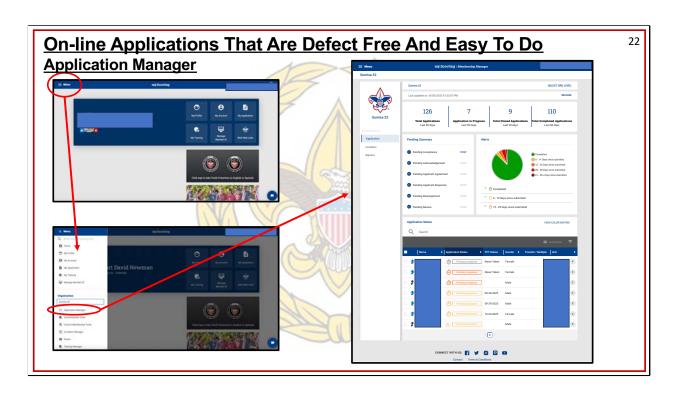
Changes to the Executive Officer can be done by filling out the MCC Executive Officer Change Form

There are still two types of registrations that require paper applications. The first one is a youth who turns 18 and is changing from a youth role to an adult role or a participant role. The other is changes to the charter organization Representative. Changes to an executive officer can be done by filling out the MCC executive officer change form.

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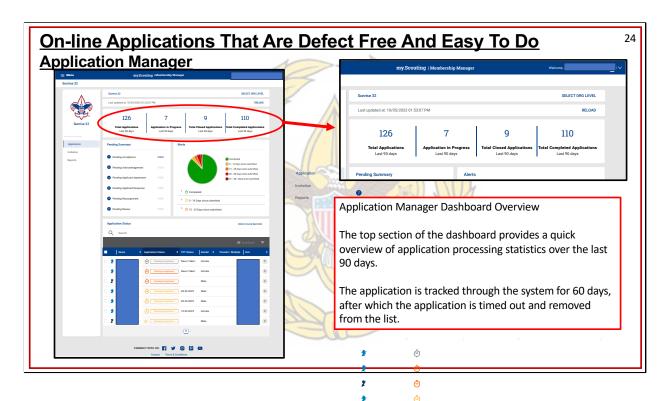
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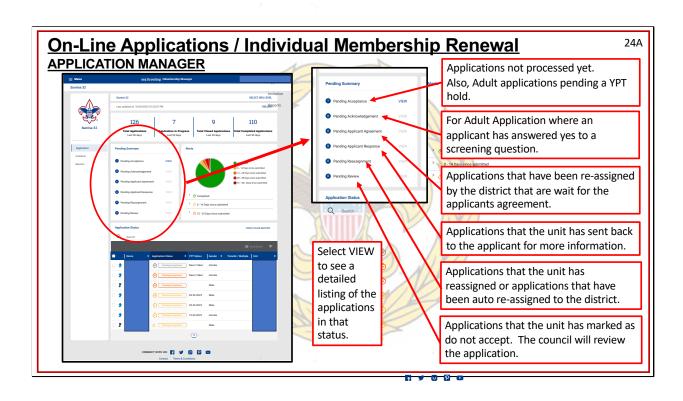
Application manager can be easily found by going to your My. Scouting account and then in the upper left hand corner clicking on menu, then from the drop down menu, selecting your district and then application manager. The application manager screen will display, shown on right hand side of the slide.

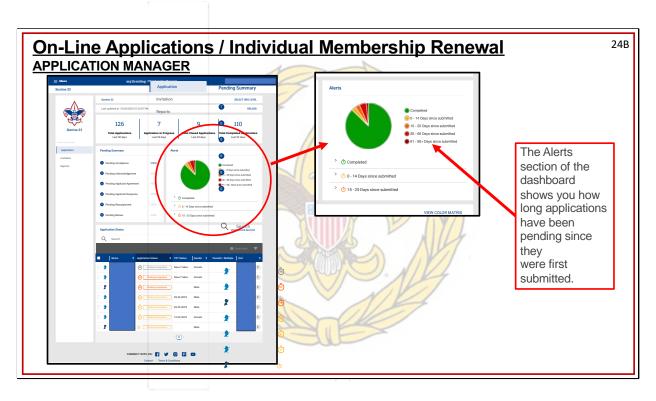
	Review and accept or reject adult leader applications.	Reviews and accepts or rejects Unit Participant applications.	Can review adult applications and make recommendations to approve to the COR.	Review and accept or reject youth applications
Chartered Organization Representative (COR) or COR Delegate				
Unit Committee Chair				
Unit Leader - Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Skipper, Key 3 Delegate				

This slide shows the different actions different roles within a unit can take on different types of applications. It should be noted that the institutional head can also perform the same duties as a chartered org rep. The new member coordinator and the registration inquiry person also have read only access to the application status in application manager.

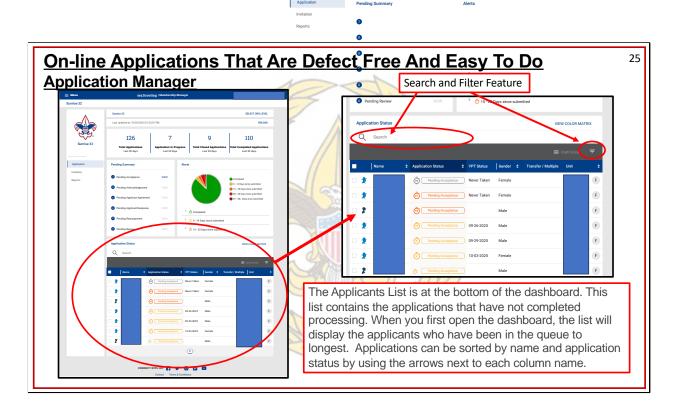


Similar to invitation manager; application manager has a top line toolbar dashboard overview which provides a quick overview of the application processing statistics over the last 90 days. You can see the total number of applications that have been processed, the applications that are in process, the total number of closed applications and then the total number of completed applications in the last 90 days. An application is tracked through the system for 60 days and if there's no movement on that application at that time the application is considered closed, timed out and removed from the system.



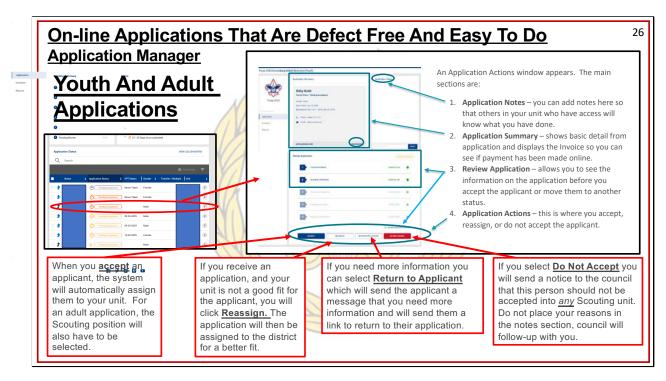


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By clicking on the individual application within application manager, the unit leader has the opportunity to take action on the different applications whether it's to: accept it, to reassign it, or for adult applications return to the applicant, or do not accept. As you can see online applications are very simple and straightforward to approve or take other actions on an application. A unit may also setup to have on-line youth applications automatically approved.

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## On-Line Application Reference Materials

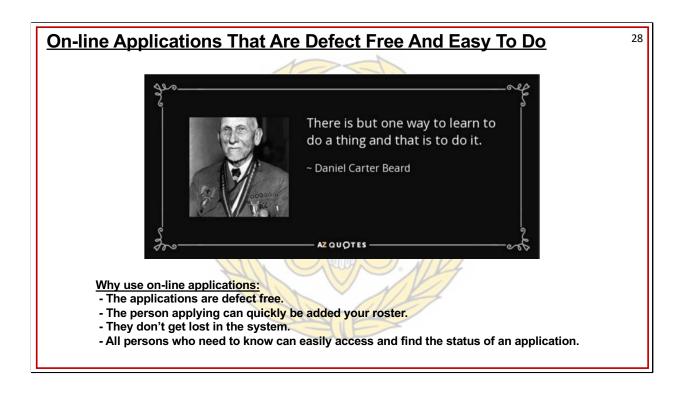
Online Registration Unit Guidebook - provides directions on how to set up and use the online registration system.

https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Unit-Guidebook-for-Online-Registration-April-2021.pdf

Information About Online Registration for Councils and Unit Leaders - resources to help you manage online registration.

https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/

There are some great reference materials available to help assist with online applications. The first one is the *online registration unit guidebook*. It provides a lot of information and directions on how to set up and use the online registration system. It is a very useful document that in in a printable PDF format. The next resource is *Information about online registration for councils and unit leaders*. This is a web page that has resources to help you manage online registrations. There are documents and videos that can guide you through every step of the on-line process.



So when I started this presentation we mentioned for a moment as to why use online applications. Hopefully now you can see how much easier online applications are to handle. Once you learn the process, it is easy and straightforward and it is a whole lot easier than driving paper applications from one location to the next or trying to send them in an insecure way through emails. Plus the applications come through defect free so once they are approved by the unit, they aren't going to come bouncing back to you in a week or two with a missing initial or an incomplete section of the application. Hopefully you have a better appreciation of how online applications can make your life easier as a commissioner and also for unit leaders that you work with. The next step now is, to quote the First Commissioner of the BSA, Daniel Carter Beard, "There is but one way to learn to do a thing and that is to do it."



Do you have any questions or comments or maybe any unique situations regarding online applications that you would like to share.