

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Application Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor! As you may have read or heard, the role of the Counselor for this new Eagle Required Merit Badge differs greatly from that of other Merit Badges. Due to this different approach, and the nature of the topics being discussed, additional training is necessary before being approved as a Counselor.

Additionally, the council advancement committee reviews all applications for MB counselor for this merit badge and may ask for additional supporting information.

Application Steps:

- ✓ If not already registered as a Merit Badge Counselor, complete the <u>BSA Adult Application</u> form in its entirety listing Scouting Position Code "42" "Merit Badge Counselor". (Required.)
- ✓ Complete the online BSA Youth Protection Training (Required If Not Current.)
- ✓ Review the BSA Scouter Code of Conduct. (Required.)
- ✓ Complete the online <u>Scouts BSA Merit Badge Counselor Position Specific Training</u>. (Required.)
- ✓ Complete the <u>BSA Merit Badge Counselor Information</u> form in its entirety adding the
 - "Citizenship in Society" Merit Badge. (Required.)
- ✓ Complete the online BSA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training. (Required, provide copy).
- ✓ Review the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Guide. (Required.)
- ✓ Review the <u>Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Requirements Counselor's Guide</u>. (Required.)
- ✓ Provide information on your experiences/ additional training in DEI related topics (examples may include job related experience, travel, missionary work, etc.).

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Commitment:

- 1. I have completed the required items of the Citizenship in Society Counselor Application Steps listed above and will follow their guidance.
- 2. I understand my role is as a facilitator. Not an "instructor" or "subject matter expert."
- 3. I understand the Scout's study options include, "Individual (within YPT guidelines)" or "Small Group Study with 3-5 scouts: within 2 years of age and within the same unit".
- 4. I will openly communicate with the Scout's parent(s)/guardian(s) if questions or discussions require their assistance.
- 5. I will not advocate for a particular point of view and will avoid interjecting my own opinions and biases.
- 6. I will not create supplemental materials for use with this merit badge, including worksheets and handouts.
- 7. I will always abide by the Scout Oath and Law.

Upon completion, please print, sign, scan, and return this form, along with the other required forms listed above, to your District Advancement Chair or their designee (Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator)	
Merit Badge Applicate Signature:	Date:
District Advancement Chair or Designee Signature:	Date: