



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## Be a Scouting Volunteer

In a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Venturing crew, or Sea Scout ship—or in any position in a district or council—your participation is a service to your community and helps youth become better citizens.

Quality leadership is important in the training of youth as members of the Boy Scouts of America. This application helps select the best individuals for their volunteer roles. Thank you for completing all items in this application. See instructions on inside cover.

**BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION YOU ARE AUTHORIZING A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK OF YOURSELF. THIS CHECK WILL BE MADE FROM PUBLIC RECORD SOURCES. YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND CHALLENGE ANY ADVERSE INFORMATION DISCLOSED BY THE CHECK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF YOUR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND REPORT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICE.**

### THANK YOU FOR GIVING YOUR TIME TO THE YOUTH OF AMERICA.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

#### Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

#### Scout Law

A Scout is:  
Trustworthy    Obedient  
Loyal            Cheerful  
Helpful         Thrifty  
Friendly         Brave  
Courteous       Clean  
Kind             Reverent

#### Youth Protection Training

All volunteers are expected to complete Youth Protection training. It is available online on most council Web sites, and each local council provides training to leaders on a regular basis throughout the year. As a volunteer, you are expected to complete the training within 90 days of assuming a leadership position.

For more information, refer to the back of the applicant copy.

**Purpose of the Boy Scouts of America**

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to promote, through cooperation with other agencies, the ability of youth to do things for themselves and others, and to teach youth patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues. In achieving this purpose, emphasis is placed upon the Boy Scouts of America's educational program and its oaths, promises, and codes for character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness.

**Excerpt From the Declaration of Religious Principle**

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude

toward that religious training. The Boy Scouts of America's policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

Only persons willing to subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle and to the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of leadership.

**Leadership Requirements**

The applicant must possess the moral, educational, and emotional qualities that the Boy Scouts of America deems necessary to afford positive leadership to youth. The applicant must also be the correct age, and subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle, and abide by the Scout Oath or Promise, and the Scout Law.

**APPROVALS REQUIRED—UNIT SCOUTERS**

**Unit committee chairman** approves all adult personnel except the chartered organization representative and committee chairman.

**Chartered organization head or chartered organization representative.** The chartered organization representative is approved by the head of the chartered organization. Following approval by the unit committee chairman, all other adult unit

personnel must be approved by the head of the chartered organization or the chartered organization representative.

**Scout executive or designee** must approve all unit Scouters.

**APPROVAL REQUIRED—COUNCIL, DISTRICT, AND DIVISION SCOUTERS**

**Scout executive or designee** must approve all council, district, and division Scouters.

**Scouting magazine.** This magazine is sent to all registered, paid adult members.

**Boys' Life.** Registered adults get a special rate of \$12.00 a year (half the new regular rate of \$24.00 a year). For a subscription to a great magazine and up-to-date information on boys and Scouting, just attach the appropriate amount and check the Boys' Life box. Please calculate and remit the appropriate state and local taxes. On late registrations it may be necessary to deliver back issues.

**Qualification.** Adults who are not citizens of the United States but who reside within the country may register with the Boy Scouts of America in any capacity if they agree to abide by the Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law, to respect and obey the laws of the United States of America, and to subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle. All leaders must be 21 years of age or older, except assistant Scoutmasters, assistant den leaders, assistant Cubmasters, assistant Webelos den leaders, and assistant Varsity Scout coaches, who must be 18 or older. No one may register in more than one position in the same unit, except the chartered organization representative (who can multiple only as the committee chairman (CC) or a committee member (MC)).

I submit my \$10 registration fee for one year, \$2 of which is to cover a subscription to Scouting magazine. Short-term fees are pro rata amounts as indicated.

**Ethnic Background Information.** BSA receives inquiries from various agencies regarding racial composition. Please mark the appropriate box to indicate ethnic background.

- African American
- American Indian
- Alaska Native
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Pacific Islander
- Other

**BSA Privacy Policy.** The Boy Scouts of America protects the confidentiality of the names and personal information of those who are affiliated with the movement. No commercial or unauthorized use is made of the names, addresses, and other confidential information of members. Access to this information is strictly limited.

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Months	Registration	Boys' Life
1	.85	—
2	1.70	2.00
3	2.55	3.00
4	3.40	4.00
5	4.25	5.00
6	5.10	6.00
7	5.95	7.00
8	6.80	8.00
9	7.65	9.00
10	8.50	10.00
11	9.35	11.00
12	10.00	12.00

UNIT POSITION CODE	
CR	Chartered organization representative
CC	Committee chairman
MC	Committee member
SM	Scoutmaster**
SA	Assistant Scoutmaster**
NL	Crew Advisor
NA	Crew associate Advisor
SK	Skipper
MT	Mate
VC	Varsity Scout Coach**
VA	Assistant Varsity Scout Coach**
CM	Cubmaster**
CA	Assistant Cubmaster**
WL	Webelos den leader**
WA	Assistant Webelos den leader**
DL	Den leader**
DA	Assistant den leader**
TL	Tiger Cub den leader
PT	Pack trainer
42	Merit badge counselor
88	Lone Cub Scout friend and counselor**
96	Lone Scout friend and counselor**

\*\*Will receive Program Helps as inserts in Scouting.

**This application is designed to be an information-gathering aid. Answers given by the applicant are to be verified in those instances where a legitimate question arises as to his/her qualifications.**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Unit Scouters**

1. Complete and sign the top copy. Keep the back copy (applicant copy) and give the remaining copies to the committee chairman with the proper fees.
2. After the application has been reviewed and, if necessary, references checked by the unit committee, secure the approvals. The process set forth in the publication Selecting Quality Leaders, No. 18-981, must be completed for all positions of Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, and assistant Varsity Coach.

3. The committee chairman keeps the unit copy, gives one copy to the chartered organization, and forwards the remaining copy to the local council service center for approval and processing.

**Council, District, and Division Scouters**

1. Complete and sign the application.
2. Send the proper fee and all three copies of the application to the local council service center for approval and processing.

# ADULT APPLICATION

The information obtained in this form is for the internal use of the BSA only.

**UNIT SCOUTERS**  
 Check one  
 Pack No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Troop No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Crew No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ship No. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

**COUNCIL/DISTRICT/DIVISION SCOUTERS**  
 Council/District/Division position  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 District name  
 \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TERM \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS New leader  Former leader

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by paying \$1 for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.  
 TRANSFER FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Please print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making two copies.

First name (No initials or nicknames) \_\_\_\_\_ Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you completed:  Youth Protection training  Fast Start training

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ mm-dd-yyyy

Ethnic background (Please mark the appropriate box.)  
 African American  American Indian  Alaska Native  Asian  
 Caucasian  Hispanic/Latino  Pacific Islander  Other  
 Driver's license no. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Are you an Eagle Scout? Yes  No  Date earned \_\_\_\_\_ mm-dd-yyyy

Business address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_ Position code \_\_\_\_\_ Position (Description) \_\_\_\_\_ Boys' Life   
 E-mail address  
 Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Page \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scouting background.  

Position	Council	Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

  
 2. Experience working with youth in other organizations.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Previous residences (for last five years).  

City	State
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

  
 4. Current memberships (religious, community, business, labor, or professional organizations).  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. References. Please list those who are familiar with your character as it relates to working with youth. References will be checked when necessary.  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Additional information. (circle each answer)

a. Do you use illegal drugs? Yes No  
 b. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? (If yes, explain below.) Yes No  
 c. Have you ever been charged with child neglect or abuse? Yes No  
 d. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? (If yes, explain below.) Yes No  
 e. Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of young people? (If yes, explain below.) Yes No

I understand that:  
 a. The information that I have provided may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me, or by conducting a criminal background check. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information. I also agree to hold harmless the chartered organization, local council, Boy Scouts of America, and the officers, employees, and volunteers thereof.  
 b. In signing this application, I have read the attached information and apply for registration with the Boy Scouts of America. I agree to comply with the Charter and Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America and the local council. I affirm that the information I have given on this form is true and correct. I will follow the Youth Protection guidelines.

**APPROVALS FOR UNIT SCOUTERS**  
 We are unaware of anything contrary to the information stated in this application. This application has been reviewed according to BSA procedures and this applicant meets the leadership qualifications of the Boy Scouts of America:  
 Signature of unit committee chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of chartered organization head or chartered organization representative \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTED.**  
 Signature of Scout executive or designee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL, DISTRICT, AND DIVISION SCOUTERS**  
 We are unaware of anything contrary to the information stated in this application. This application has been reviewed according to BSA procedures and this applicant meets the leadership qualifications of the Boy Scouts of America:  
 Signature of Scout executive or designee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Boys' Life fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**X**  
 Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_