

# Merit Badge Counselor Application

Please print or type.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Scouts will use

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**  
**1300 Ulster Ave., Ste. 107**  
**Kingston, NY 12401**

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 qualifications**

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

+ **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. \_\_\_\_\_