

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ADULT APPLICATION

This application is also available in Spanish. Esta solicitud también está disponible en español.

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 Scout Law.

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 in the Boy Scouts of America can help youth become better citizens.

High-quality adults are important role models for youth in the Boy Scouts of America. This application helps the chartered organization select qualified adults. Thank you for completing this application in full. See instructions on the 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.**

Youth Protection Training

All applicants for membership are required to take this training within 30 days of registering. To take it online, go to www.MyScouting.org and establish an account using the member number you receive when you register. If you take the training online before you obtain a member number, be sure to return to MyScouting and enter your number for training record credit. Your BSA local council also provides training on a regular basis if you cannot take it online. For more information, refer to the back of this application.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

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 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 it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. Only persons willing to subscribe to these precepts from the Declaration of Religious Principle and to the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to register.

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, subscribe to the precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle, and abide by the Scout Oath or Promise, and the Scout Law.

Approval Required—Unit Adults
 The chartered organization representative and committee chairman approves all unit adults except the chartered organization representative and committee chairman.

Approval Required—Council and District Adults
 The chartered organization representative is approved by the head of the chartered organization. Following approval by the unit

committee chairman, all other unit adults must be approved by the head of the chartered organization or the chartered organization representative.

Scout Executive or Designee must approve all unit adults who answered "yes" to Additional Information questions. **Approval Required—Council and District Adults** must approve all council and district adults.

outing magazine. This magazine is sent to all registered, paid adults.

Boys' Life. Registered adults get a special rate of \$12 a year (half the regular rate of \$24 a year). For a subscription to a great magazine and up-to-date information on boys and Scouting, just attach the appropriate amount and fill in the *Boys' Life* circle. Please calculate and remit the appropriate state and local taxes. On late registrations it may be necessary to deliver back issues.

alification. Adult citizens, or adult noncitizens 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 precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle. All leaders must be 21 years of age or older, except the Scoutmaster Reserve, 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 (CR) (who can multiple only as the committee chairman (CC) or a committee member (MC)), and parent coordinator (PC), who may multiple as chartered organization representative.

Child Protection. Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth protection is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting.

Persons involved in Scouting shall report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography; online solicitation; enticement; or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

Scout executives of this report, or of any violation of the BSA's Youth Protection policies, so that he or she may take appropriate action for the safety of our Scouts, make appropriate notifications, and follow up with investigating agencies.

Unit Background Information. Please fill in the appropriate circle on the application to indicate ethnic background.

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

Application is designed to be an information-gathering aid. Answers given by the applicant may be verified.

INSTRUCTIONS

Unit Adults

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.

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. 522-981, must be completed for all positions of Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, and assistant Varsity Coach.

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.

Unit and District Adults

Complete and sign the application.

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

UNIT POSITION CODES

Months Registration	Boys' Life	CR	Chartered organization representative
1	2.00	CC	Committee chairman
2	4.00	MC	Committee member
3	6.00	SM	Scoutmaster
4	8.00	SA	Assistant Scoutmaster
5	10.00	92U	Unit College Scouter Reserve
6	12.00	91U	Unit Scouter Reserve
7	14.00	NL	Crew Advisor
8	16.00	NA	Crew associate Advisor
9	18.00	SK	Skipper
10	20.00	MT	Mate
11	22.00	VC	Varsity Scout Coach
12	24.00	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 den leader
		PT	Pack trainer
		PC	Parent coordinator
		10	Leader of 11-year old Scouts (LDS Troop)
		88	Lone Cub Scout friend and counselor
		96	Lone Scout friend and counselor
			Tiger adult partners (AP) complete the bottom portion of the youth application.

* National registration fees are nonrefundable.

Tips for completing the Application for Adult Membership:

(Use blue or black ink)

- Print—do not use cursive.
 - Use black or dark blue ink.
 - Press firmly when printing.
 - Print one letter only in each box.
 - Use uppercase letters and stay within the blue boxes for legibility.
 - Fill in circles; do not use check marks.
 - Make sure you have all needed signatures on application.
 - Don't alter the application—it could affect the quality of the scan.
- Mailing address example:

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Instructions:

Please read the Disclosure/Authorization Form on the back of this page. In the space provided at the bottom of the statement, fill in the spaces for your name, signature, and date to acknowledge your review of the form.

This Disclosure/Authorization Form and the Boy Scouts of America Adult Application must be signed and turned in together to complete the application process.

DISCLOSURE/AUTHORIZATION FORM

NOTICE TO APPLICANT REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECK

In order to safeguard the youth in our program, the Boy Scouts of America will procure consumer reports on you in connection with your application, and the Boy Scouts of America may procure additional consumer reports at any time in order to evaluate your continued suitability for participation. The Boy Scouts of America has contracted with First Advantage, a consumer reporting agency, to provide the consumer reports. First Advantage may be contacted by mail at First Advantage, 1000 Alderman Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30005 or by telephone at 800-845-6004.

The consumer reports may contain information bearing on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living. The types of information that may be obtained include but are not limited to Social Security number verification, sex offender registry checks, criminal records checks, inmate records searches, and court records checks. The information contained in these consumer reports may be obtained by First Advantage from public record sources. **The consumer reports will not include credit record checks or motor vehicle record checks.**

The nature and scope of the consumer reports are described above. Nonetheless, you are entitled to request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of such reports by submitting a written request to First Advantage at the address listed above. Additional notices or applicants in California, New York, Minnesota, and Oklahoma are provided.

APPLICANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I have carefully read this notice and authorization form and I hereby authorize the Boy Scouts of America and First Advantage to procure a consumer report, which as described above will include information relating to my criminal history as received from reporting agencies. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility in the Boy Scouts of America. I also understand that additional consumer reports may be procured at any time. I understand that if the Boy Scouts of America chooses not to accept my application or to revoke my membership based on information contained in a consumer report, I will receive a summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and contact information for the reporting agency, First Advantage.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES TO CALIFORNIA, MINNESOTA, OKLAHOMA, AND NEW YORK APPLICANTS

California

Under California law, the consumer reports described above that the Boy Scouts of America will procure on you are defined as investigative consumer reports. These reports will be procured in connection with your application, and additional reports may be procured at any time during your service as a volunteer in order to evaluate your continued suitability for participation. The reports may include information on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living.

Under section 1786.22 of the California Civil Code, you may inspect the file maintained on you by First Advantage, during normal business hours and with proper identification. You may also obtain a copy of this file, upon submitting proper identification and paying the costs of duplication, by appearing at First Advantage offices in person, during normal business hours and on reasonable notice, or by certified mail upon making a written request. You may also receive a summary of the information contained in this file by telephone. First Advantage will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection. If you appear in person, you may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification.

For Applicants in California, Minnesota, and Oklahoma Only

You have the right to request a free copy of any report procured on you. If you wish to receive a free copy of any report procured on you, check the box below.

I request a free copy of any report procured on me.

New York

As explained above, a consumer report will be requested in connection with your application, and additional consumer reports may be requested during the course of your participation with the Boy Scouts of America. You have the right, upon request, to be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested and, if a consumer report was requested, of the name and address of the consumer reporting agency that furnished the consumer report.

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and accept the accompanying disclosures and acknowledgments.

First name (No initials or nicknames) Please print.

Middle name

Last name

Suffix

Signature of applicant

Date

Unit No.

Retain in permanent file.

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Council/district position code

Scouting background, Position, Council, Year

District name

OR

Unit No.

Team, Crew, Ship, Former leader, Venturer

MONTHS, TERM

TYPE OF UNIT

UNIT NO.

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished at no charge by transferring the registration. Mark and attach a copy of the certificate.

TRANSFER FROM: COUNCIL NO., TYPE OF UNIT, UNIT NO.

Use print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making three copies.

First name, Middle name, Last name, Suffix

Address, City, State, Zip code

Business phone, Cell phone, Ext.

Driver's license No., State

Ethnic background: Black/African American, Native American, Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino, Pacific Islander, Asian, Other

Occupation, Employer

Gender (M/F), Social Security No. (required)

Business address, City, State, Zip code

Scouting position (description), Are you an Eagle Scout? (Yes/No), Date earned (mm/dd/yyyy)

Home address (Work/Home), Boys' Life subscription

APPROVALS FOR UNIT ADULTS: I have reviewed this application and the responses to any questions answered "Yes" with the applicant or source listed. I believe the applicant possesses the moral, educational, and emotional qualities of an adult in the Boy Scouts of America.

Signature of unit committee chairman, Date

Signature of chartered organization head or representative, Date

Signature of Scout executive or designee, Date

Boys' Life fee \$, Registration fee \$

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UNIT ADULTS (Fill in the circle.)

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Council/district position code

Scouting background, Position, Council, Year

IRE DATE, TERM, MONTHS, New leader, Former leader, Venturer

TRANSFER FROM: COUNCIL NO., TYPE OF UNIT, UNIT NO., District name

First name, Middle name, Last name, Suffix

Country, Mailing address, City, State, Zip code

Home phone, Business phone, Ext., Cell phone, Driver's license No.

Date of birth, Ethnic background, Alaska Native, Asian, Pacific Islander, Other

Gender, Social Security No. (required), Occupation, Employer

Entry, Business address, City, State, Zip code

Position Code, Scouting position (description), Are you an Eagle Scout?

Mail address, Work, Home, Boys' Life subscription

Signature of unit committee chairman, Signature of Scout executive or designee

Signature of chartered organization head or representative, Signature of Scout executive or designee

Registration fee, Boys' Life fee, Date

- 1. Scouting background, Position, Council, Year
2. Experience working with youth in other organizations. Please provide contact information.
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. References may be checked.
6. Additional information. Yes
a. Have you ever been removed from or asked to leave a leadership position in an organization due to allegations regarding your personal conduct or behavior? Explain.
b. Do you use illegal drugs or abuse alcohol? Explain.
c. Have you ever been arrested for a criminal offense (other than minor traffic violations)? Explain.
d. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? Explain.
e. Have you ever been investigated for, accused of, or charged with abuse or neglect of a minor child? Explain.
f. Are you aware of any reason not listed above that may call into question your suitability to supervise, guide, care for, and lead young people?

UNIT ADULTS (Fill in the circle.)

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Scouting background, Position, Council, Year

IRE DATE, TERM, MONTHS, New leader, Former leader, Venturer

TRANSFER FROM: COUNCIL NO., TYPE OF UNIT, UNIT NO., District name

First name, Middle name, Last name, Suffix

Country, Mailing address, City, State, Zip code

Home phone, Business phone, Ext., Cell phone

Date of birth, Ethnic background, Driver's license No., State

Gender, Social Security No. (required), Occupation, Employer

Country, Business address, City, State, Zip code

Position Code, Scouting position (description), Are you an Eagle Scout?

Mail address, Work, Home, Boys' Life subscription

Signature of applicant, Signature of Scout executive or designee, Registration fee, Boys' Life fee, Date

UNIT ADULTS (Fill in the circle.)

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Scouting background, Position, Council, Year

IRE DATE, TERM, MONTHS, New leader, Former leader, Venturer

TRANSFER FROM: COUNCIL NO., TYPE OF UNIT, UNIT NO., District name

First name, Middle name, Last name, Suffix

Country, Mailing address, City, State, Zip code

Home phone, Business phone, Ext., Cell phone

Date of birth, Ethnic background, Driver's license No., State

Gender, Social Security No. (required), Occupation, Employer

Country, Business address, City, State, Zip code

Position Code, Scouting position (description), Are you an Eagle Scout?

Mail address, Work, Home, Boys' Life subscription

Signature of applicant, Signature of Scout executive or designee, Boys' Life fee, Date

Signature of unit committee chairman, Signature of chartered organization head or representative, APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL AND DISTRICT ADULTS

Signature of unit leader approving the application, Signature of chartered organization head or representative

Training for New Volunteers



Every Youth in Scouting Deserves a Trained Leader

Welcome to Scouting! As a new Scout volunteer, you are joining our Scouting family, and we want you to understand how the program works. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to your success as a volunteer while serving young people. To help you be successful there are training materials designed for you.

So, How Do I Begin? Online or Through Your Council Service Center

Training for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing leaders are available at www.MyScouting.org. Additional training opportunities and resources are available through your local council and www.scouting.org/training. Applicants for membership are required to complete Youth Protection training within 30 days of registering.

What Makes a Trained Leader? (Check when completed)

Cub Scout leaders are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection training* and Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training* (for their position).

Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection training*, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Troop committee members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection training* and the Troop Committee Challenge*.

Varsity Scout leaders and assistants are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection training*, Varsity Scout Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skill:

Team committee members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection training* and Team Committee Challenge.

Venturing crew Advisors and assistant Advisors are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection training*, Venturing version*, and Venturing Leader Specific Training.

Crew committee members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection training*, Venturing version*, and Crew Committee Challenge.

What Is Youth Protection Training?

It is designed to create as safe an environment as possible for young people to enjoy our program's activities. The Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection training addresses strategies for personal safety awareness for youth as well as adults. Age-appropriate programs and DVD materials include:

Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Volunteer Leaders and Parents—Adults come away with a much clearer awareness of the kinds of abuse, the signs of abuse, and how to respond and report should a situation arise. Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.

Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Adult Venturing Leaders—Designed to give guidance to the leaders in our teenage coed Venturing program. Supervision and relationship issues have a different focus regarding personal safety with this age group. Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.

It Happened to Me—Developed for Cub Scout-age boys from 6 to 10 years old and their parents. It addresses the four rules of personal safety: Check first, go with a friend, it's your body, and tell a friend.

A Time to Tell—A video for Boy Scout-age boys from 11 to 14 years old—the target group for most molesters. It stresses the three R's of youth protection: Recognize, Resist, and Report.

Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness—Developed for youth ages 13 through 20 in the coeducational Venturing program. It deals with issues pertinent to this age group. Youth Protection training is available online at www.MyScouting.org. You can establish an account there using the member number you receive when you register. If you take the online training before you receive a member number, be sure to return to MyScouting and enter your number for training record credit or forward a copy of the training certificate to your council.

The Boy Scouts of America has Youth Protection policies to protect youth, and these same policies help protect adult volunteers. These and other key policies are addressed in the training:

Two-deep leadership is required on all outings.

One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited.

Privacy of youth is respected.

Separate accommodations for adults and Scouts are required.

Units are responsible to enforce Youth Protection policies.