

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

All adults serving as merit badge counselors must be registered as a Merit Badge Counselor, position code 42, in the local council through districts by completing the Adult Registration Form, No. 28-501. They may pay a registration fee, multiple, or pay no fee. However, they must complete the adult application even if no registration fee is paid, for the purpose of processing their name through the computer system and running a criminal background check. They must be at least 18 years old and qualified to teach the merit badge subjects that they want to teach.

The Scout executive or a designee must sign the adult application for merit badge counselors. If there is an advancement chairman registered in the district or council, this individual could also sign the application.

Responsibility for Merit Badges

The responsibility for merit badges shall rest with the merit badge counselor approved by the local council and district advancement committee. The merit badge counselor shall prepare and qualify youth members. There shall be no board of review procedure for merit badges, but public recognition may be given at a unit court of honor or other suitable occasion.

COUNCIL AND DISTRICT SCOUTERS

Council and district Scouters should register during the year using an Adult Application, No. 28-501. The position names and position numbers are listed above.

The registration for council and district Scouters should be processed yearly. A renewal roster is produced each year for the purpose of reregistering the individuals in the district.

College Scouter Reserve (Code 92)

College students may register each year to maintain a Scouting affiliation, even if they are not active in a unit. These individuals must be at least 17 years of age and should be registered either on the district/council Scouter roster or during the year with an Adult Application, No. 28-501. At all times they should be listed under a council/district Scouter roster, not on a unit roster. This registration is open to male or female students. The application should indicate a college address and may be submitted through the college or home council.

Scouting Alumnus or Scouter Reserve (Code 91)

Individuals who wish to keep an affiliation with Scouting but are not presently able to serve actively may register as Scouting alumnus or Scouter reserve. These individuals must be at least 21 years and should be registered with the district in which they reside using the Adult Application, No. 28-501. The Council/District Scouter Renewal Roster lists these individuals and may be used to register them annually.

COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUTERS

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The following positions are nonunit positions. Those holding positions may be male or female and must be at least age 21, except as noted below.

| Council Registrations | Code | District Registrations | Code |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| President | 11 | Camp staff* | 49 |
| Vice president | 12 | District chairman | 61 |
| Treasurer | 13 | District vice chairman | 62 |
| Assistant treasurer | 14 | Neighborhood chairman | 64 |
| Council commissioner | 15 | Neighborhood committee | 65 |
| Assistant council commissioner | 16 | District member at large | 75 |
| Executive board member | 41 | District committee member | 79 |
| Merit badge counselor† | 42 | Unit commissioner | 80 |
| Honorary member | 44 | District commissioner | 81 |
| Associate member | 45 | Assistant district commissioner | 82 |
| Advisory council | 46 | Roundtable commissioner | 83 |
| Council committee member | 47 | Roundtable staff | 84 |
| Council member at large | 48 | Scouter reserve | 91 |
| Scout supplier | 87 | College Scouter reserve‡ | 92 |
| Scout alumnus | 95 | | |

Unit commissioners are counted on the OPR in paid or multiple status.

Leadership positions that get all program helps in *Scouting* magazine: 15, 16, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84.

All other positions do not get program helps in *Scouting* magazine.

* Camp staff must be at least age 16 (15 if allowed by state law). Cub Scout day camp staff members may be registered at age 14. Camp staff applicants must fill out an Adult Application form. Adult camp staff starts at age 18.

† Merit badge counselors must be at least 18 years old.

‡ College Scouter reserve must be an active college student and at least 17 years of age.