

Become a Merit Badge Counselor



Are you passionate about sharing your knowledge with youth? Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor in Scouting America is a great way to mentor and guide Scouts through their learning journey.

Eligibility

- Be 18 or older and of good character
- Be proficient in the subject matter
- Be registered with Scouting America (Position Code 42)
- Complete and maintain Youth Protection Training (YPT)

Steps to Become a Merit Badge Counselor

1. **Complete Youth Protection Training** at my.scouting.org. Save your certificate.
2. **Fill out the Adult Application** ([PDF](#)) using position code 42.
3. **Complete the Merit Badge Counselor Information Form** ([PDF](#)), listing the merit badges you want to instruct and your qualifications.
4. **Submit all documents** to the Heart of New England (HNE) Council or your unit's advancement team.
5. **Complete the following training for Merit Badge Counselors** (68 minutes total) at my.scouting.org:
 - Merit Badge Counselor Position Specific Training
 - Merit Badge Counselors - Before First Meeting
 - Merit Badge Counselors - Position Trained
6. **Review the list of merit badges and pamphlets** at scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/.

Youth Protection

All sessions must follow YPT guidelines — always use the buddy system and never meet with a Scout one-on-one.

For help or to submit your paperwork, contact:

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