

Instructions

1. Merit Badge Counselors are required to be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.
 - If you are not currently registered, you must request and complete a BSA Adult Leader registration form. It may be obtained from any Council Service Center.
 - **No fee is required.** The Adult Leader Registration Form is not optional for first time applicants. A background check is part of this process.
2. A maximum of four merit badges is permitted per counselor.
3. You must be at least 18 years of age or older.
4. Include your business phone if you are able to take calls at that location, otherwise leave it blank.
5. Be specific in stating your qualifications. If you need more space, please use an extra sheet of paper.
6. The Merit Badge Counselor Directory is located on the STLBSA.org website. All merit badge counselors will be displayed on the website. Selecting to counsel for a particular unit only is not allowed. The only exception to this rule is for business partnerships that have agreed to work directly with the counsel regarding a special skill set.
7. Approval Process-
 - Complete the paper application and send to the council office or complete the online application.
 - Secure the District Advancement Chairman's and/or the District Executive's approval.
 - Update the Merit Badge Counselor Directory
 - Provide an email notification to the counselor.
8. Your Merit Badge Counselor number is the same as your membership number.
9. Annual renewal is required. You will be sent an email with the directions annually.
10. Nova Counselor and Supernova Mentor positions are listed on the directory but have a separate application process. See the STEM page at <https://stlbsa.org/stem-unit/>. These will be included in the annual renewal process.

Apply online at:

<https://stlbsa.org/achievement/advancement/merit-badge-counselors/>

Click on the blue and white bar 'Merit Badge Counselor Directory'. The online application is the top blue box labeled Merit Badge Counselor Registration. Your application will be processed faster when you apply online and are a current member of BSA with current Youth Protection Training.