

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.
 - A background check is part of this process. There is a non-member fee of \$25.00.
 - The counselor position will be listed as a multiple position for members.
2. A maximum of four merit badges is permitted per counselor.
3. You must be at least 18 years of age or older.
4. Maintain current Youth Protection Training.
5. When applying for the Citizenship in Society badge, complete DEI training at my.scouting.org and complete the agreement form. More information is available on STLBSA.org/advancement-awards/
6. Merit Badge Counselor Training is available at my.scouting.org. In Scouts BSA section.
7. Be specific in stating your qualifications. If you need more space, please use an extra sheet of paper.
8. The Merit Badge Counselor Directory is located on the STLBSA.org website. All merit badge counselors will be displayed on the website. Merit Badge Counselors are also listed in Scoutbook.
9. Application and 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 and Scoutbook.
 - Provide an email notification to the counselor.
10. Your Merit Badge Counselor number is the same as your membership number.
11. Annual renewal is required. You will be sent an email with the directions annually from National.
12. Nova Counselor should apply with a BSA Adult Application and Supernova Mentor requires a Supernova Mentor Application. See the STEM page at <https://stlbsa.org/stem-unit/> for more information. These will be included in the annual renewal process and the non-member fee applies.

Apply online at:

<https://stlbsa.org/advancement-awards/>

Open the Merit Badge Counselor drop down.

Click on "Counselor Directory and Online Application"

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.