

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION**

District you are applying to be a counselor in (check one): IQ \_\_\_\_\_ PQ \_\_\_\_\_ RR \_\_\_\_\_ SPD \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I am currently registered in the following unit or District position.** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the merit badge pamphlet(s) for my chosen subject(s) and I wish to apply as a merit badge counselor. I have also read the Merit Badge Counselor Agreement on the reverse side of this application. As a counselor I will perform a distinct service to the youth of my community by helping them discover new vocational or avocational interests. I will not only ascertain that the Scout meets the requirements of the merit badge, but I am also prepared to counsel and advise him in the subject. I have experience in the subject(s) in which I seek appointment and I will submit evidence of my qualifications if necessary.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**MERIT BADGE**

**DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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4. \_\_\_\_\_  
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All merit badge counselors must be registered. **Individuals not already registered with the Theodore Roosevelt Council should attach a completed adult registration *Be a Volunteer Leader* application form (NO. 28-501) to this application.** Individuals signing as a merit badge counselor only are not required to pay. However, for a nominal fee of \$10.00 you will also be registered as an adult Scouter with all the privileges of membership which include liability insurance, *Scouting* magazine, and the Theodore Roosevelt Council newspaper *The Charger*. These publications will keep you updated on developments in the merit badge program. *Boy's Life* magazine is also available for an additional fee of \$12.00 annually.

**NOTE:** You are not eligible to begin counseling Scouts in the above badges until you receive confirmation of your approval from your District Dean of Merit Badge Counselors.

**CHECK ONE:**

- I am currently not registered and wish to register only as a counselor. Form 28-501 is attached. (No fee is required).
- I am currently not registered and wish to register additionally as a Scouter. My fee and Form 28-501 are attached.
- I am already a merit badge counselor adding an additional merit badge (Form 28-501 is not needed).
- I am a merit badge counselor deleting the merit badges listed above (Form 28-501 is not needed).
- I am currently registered with the council but applying to be a merit badge counselor for the first time (Form 28-501 is not needed).

Mail and make registration check payable to: Theodore Roosevelt Council, B.S.A.  
 544 Broadway  
 Massapequa, NY 11758-5010

(See Reverse Side)

### Merit Badge Counselor Agreement

1. FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MERIT BADGE MAKING NO DELETIONS OR ADDITIONS, ENSURING THAT THE ADVANCEMENT STANDARDS ARE FAIR AND UNIFORM FOR ALL SCOUTS.
2. HAVE A BUDDY OR PARENT PRESENT WITH EACH SCOUT AT ALL INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS.
3. RENEW REGISTRATION AS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR IN JUNE IF PLANNING TO CONTINUE SERVING AS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.
4. OBTAIN AND READ PAMPHLET *MERIT BADGE COUNSELING* (NO. 34520).

-----\*For District/Council Use Only\*-----

Registration status checked. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Mailed to Dean of Merit Badge Counselors by Registrar. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor No. Assigned \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by (Dean's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Entered on District Merit Badge Counselor's List by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date received BACK at Council Service Center \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Date (Registrar) \_\_\_\_\_

**The District Dean of Merit Badge Counselors MUST approve or disapprove the applicant within TWO weeks after receiving this application and return the application to the council service center.**

**If an adult application (Form 28-501) is attached, the Dean must call the three references. Then acting as the Scout executive's designee, he signs the form and returns it to the council registrar, along with the Merit Badge Counselor application.**

**The Dean calls the applicant and informs him/her which badges he/she is approved and not approved for. The applicant is then eligible to begin counseling for the approved badges.**

**Once approved, the Dean enters the new counselor on the master copy of the district's Merit Badge Counselor list. The council service center rosters only those registered as merit badge counselors. The district keeps a roster of counselors indicating their specific merit badge subject areas.**