# DULT APPLICATION

This application is also available in Spanish. Esta solicitud también está disponible en español.

Your participation in the BSA can help youth become better citizens.

Adult leaders serve as important role models for youth in the BSA and this application aids the chartered organization in selecting qualified adult volunteer leaders.

## **Youth Protection Training**

All adult applicants are required to take this training in order to complete the adult application process. Go to my.Scouting.org to create an account and take the training online or contact your local council for classroom training. Include a copy of your completion certificate with this application.

## **Mission**

The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## **Criminal Background Check\***

In order to complete the adult application process, you will need to review the different disclosures that have been separately provided to you. The separate authorization form must be signed and returned when you submit your application.

# **Excerpt From the Declaration of Religious Principle**

The BSA maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. Only persons willing to subscribe to these precepts from the Declaration of Religious Principle and the Bylaws of the BSA shall be entitled to register.

\*The four different background check forms must be torn off and each separately given to the applicant.



#### **Leader Requirements**

Adult leaders must possess the moral, educational, and emotional qualities that the BSA deems necessary for positive leadership to youth. They must also:

- Abide by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Scouter Code of Conduct. The Scouter Code of Conduct can be found at www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/Scouter Code of Conduct.pdf.
- Subscribe to the precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle.
- Reside within the USA or a U.S. territory, or be a U.S. citizen residing outside the USA.
- Respect and obey the laws of the United States of America.
- Be 21 years of age or older for primary leadership positions.
- Be 18 years of age or older for assistant leadership positions.
- Complete Youth Protection training (YPT) before application is processed and renew training as required.
- Review the disclosure information related to the BSA's background check process and complete and sign a Background Check Authorization form.
- Take leader position-specific training.
- Hold only one position within the same unit. The chartered organization representative may
  multiple as the committee chair or a committee member.

#### APPROVAL REQUIRED—UNIT ADULTS

**Chartered organization head or chartered organization representative.** The chartered organization representative is approved by the head of the chartered organization. All other adult leader applications must be accepted and approved by the head of the chartered organization or the chartered organization representative.

#### APPROVAL REQUIRED—COUNCIL and DISTRICT ADULTS

Scout executive or designee must accept and approve all council and district adults.

**Scout executive or designee** must approve any adults who answer "yes" to any Additional Information question.

The adult leader application process will not be complete until Youth Protection training has been completed and a criminal background check has been obtained.

**Health information.** You should inform your unit leadership of any condition that might limit your participation. Before participating in activities with your unit, please fill out the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, found on www.scouting.org/forms and provide it to your unit leadership.

**Scouting magazine.** This magazine is sent to all registered, paid adult leaders.

**Boys' Life.** Registered adults get a special rate. For a subscription to a great magazine and up-to-date information on Scouting, just fill in the *Boys' Life* circle on the application and pay the subscription price.

The annual national registration fee is nonrefundable.

## **BSA Privacy Policy**

The BSA protects the confidentiality of the names and personal information of those who are affiliated with the organization. No commercial or unauthorized use is made of the names, addresses, and other confidential information. The BSA and its affinity groups may use registration information to notify registrants of benefit opportunities.

#### **Nondiscrimination Policy**

The BSA is open to all who meet the requirements. Scouting units are open to all and leaders are selected without regard to race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, or sexual identity, and is based on individual merit.

#### What Is the BSA Program?

The BSA program is outlined in the official publications of the BSA. Activities that are not in these BSA publications are not a part of the Scouting program. Leaders must not allow youth members or program participants to engage in any unauthorized or prohibited activities.

#### **Training for New Leaders**

The BSA is committed to your success as a volunteer while serving young people. To help you be successful there are training materials designed for you. Training resources are available through your local council and at my.Scouting.org.

#### **What Makes a Trained Leader?**

You are considered a trained leader when you have completed leader position-specific training for your position and have current Youth Protection training.

### Youth Protection Begins With You™

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting.

The BSA is committed to providing a safe environment for young people. The BSA provides parents and adult leaders with numerous online and printed resources on youth protection. All adult leaders must complete Youth Protection training as part of the registration process and renew their training as required. It is highly recommended that parents who participate in Scouting activities complete YPT. BSA publications and other media also provide strategies for personal safety awareness for Scouts and their parents. To learn more about the BSA's Youth Protection resources and to find age-appropriate programs and DVD materials, go to www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection.

All persons involved in Scouting must immediately report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused; physically or emotionally neglected; exposed to any form of violence or threat; or exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

Additionally, any **known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk** must also be reported to the local Scout executive or the Scouts 1st helpline (844-Scouts1 or 844-726-8871).

### **Youth Protection Policies**

The BSA Youth Protection policies help to protect youth as well as adult volunteers. These and other key policies are addressed in the training:

- Two registered adults or one registered adult and a parent, one of whom must be 21 years of age
  or older, are required on all trips and outings. If trips and outings are coeducational, adults of both
  genders must be present. Venturing and Sea Scouting require both adults to be 21 or older.
- One-on-one contact between youth members and adults is prohibited at any time and location, except for situations involving transportation of a child with the prior authorization of the parent/ quardian. Even personal Scout conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.
- Corporal punishment, hazing, and bullying are not permitted in Scouting. Only constructive discipline
  is acceptable. Parents and unit leaders must work together to solve discipline problems.
- Separate accommodations for adults and Scouts (males and females and Scouts of disparate ages) are required.
- Youth privacy is respected.
- Leaders are responsible for enforcing Youth Protection policies and reporting any abuse or policy violations.

For general questions, contact your local BSA council.

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# BACKGROUND CHECK DISCLOSURE

A consumer report is a background check in which information (which may include, but is not limited to, criminal background, driving background, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living) about you is gathered and communicated by a consumer reporting agency ("CRA") to Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the "Company").

Company may obtain a consumer report on you to be used for employment purposes (in your case, this means for the purpose of evaluating you as a new or existing volunteer).

## ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES & BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

## Additional Disclosures

The state disclosures below are included because state law requires them to be provided in writing. Some of the below rights, notices, or information also may apply to individuals from, applying to, or volunteering in states not listed below. There may be additional requirements, options, or provisions applicable to you and you may have additional rights under applicable law that are not required to be disclosed to you in writing.

<u>Minnesota:</u> You have the right to request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report from First Advantage, P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348, 800-845-6004.

New York: Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the "Company") may request or utilize subsequent consumer reports (other than investigative consumer reports) on you throughout your volunteer relationship with Company. Upon request, you will be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested, and if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the CRA that furnished the report. Your written request should be made to Company at Boy Scouts of America, Membership Standards Team S201, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving Texas 75015-2079. You may also contact the Company by email at <a href="MembershipStandards@scouting.org">MembershipStandards@scouting.org</a>.

# Authorization

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