



*Citizenship in Society*  
*Merit Badge Counselor Application*  
*San Diego Imperial Council, BSA*



**To qualify as a merit badge counselor for Citizenship in Society, you must:**

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be knowledgeable in the merit badge subject matter by vocation, avocation, or special training.
- Be skilled in listening and in guiding discussions with scout aged youth.
- Be available to openly communicate with the Scout's parents/guardians if questions or discussions arise.
- Be current in Youth Protection Guidelines. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/> to complete the course.
- Complete Merit Badge Counselor Position-specific training. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> for instructions.
- Complete BSA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training (SCO-1800). Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> for instructions.
- First time applicants must attach a completed Boy Scouts of America Adult Application if you are not currently approved as a Merit Badge Counselor. Use Position Code 42.

*Submit application by email to SDIC Office Manager.*

Boy Scouts of America Membership ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**As a Merit Badge Counselor for Citizenship in Society, I Agree:**

- That I have read and understand the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Guide located at [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/diversity equity and inclusion/Citizenship-in-Society-Merit-Badge-Counselor-Guide-2021.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/diversity_equity_and_inclusion/Citizenship-in-Society-Merit-Badge-Counselor-Guide-2021.pdf)
- That I will provide a safe space for Scouts to discuss the topics of the merit badge.
- That I will be a good and careful listener, encouraging the Scout to speak and lead the conversation.
- To follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, and ensure that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- To follow Youth Protection Guidelines in all merit badge sessions, involving parents and other adults as needed.
- To renew my registration annually and be current with YPT if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by Council Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Not approved    More info needed: \_\_\_\_\_