# **ADULT APPLICATION**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America 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 Law.

In a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Venturing crew, or Sea Scout ship—or in any position in a district or council—your participation is a service to your community and helps youth become better citizens.

Quality leadership is important in the training of youth as members of the Boy Scouts of America. This application helps select the best individuals for their volunteer roles. Thank you for completing all items in this application. See instructions on the inside cover.

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION YOU ARE AUTHORIZING A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK OF YOURSELF. THIS CHECK WILL BE MADE FROM PUBLIC RECORD SOURCES. YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND CHALLENGE ANY ADVERSE INFORMATION DISCLOSED BY THE CHECK.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF YOUR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND REPORT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICE.

#### **Youth Protection Training**

All volunteers are expected to complete Youth Protection training. It is available online on the Web site www.scouting.org and each local council provides training to leaders on a regular basis throughout the year. As a volunteer, you are expected to complete the training within 90 days of assuming a leadership position.

For more information, refer to the back of the applicant copy.



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The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to promote, through cooperation with other agencies, the ability of youth to do things for themselves and others, and to teach youth patriotism, courage, self-	-	-				pts from the Declaration of Religious
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<b>Scouting magazine.</b> This magazine is sent to all registered, paid adult members. <b>Boys' Life.</b> Registered adults get a special rate of \$12 a year (half the regular rate of \$24 a year). For a sub nagazine and up-to-date information on boys and Scouting, just attach the appropriate amount and fill in t			FEE CHART Registration	Boys' Life	CR CC MC	UNIT POSITION CODE Chartered organization representative Committee chairman Committee member
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- 2. After the application has been reviewed and, if necessary, references checked by the unit committee, secure the approvals. The process set forth in the publication *Selecting Quality Leaders,* No. 18-981, must be completed for all positions of Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, and assistant Varsity Coach.
- 3. The committee chairman keeps the unit copy, gives one copy to the chartered organization, and forwards the remaining copy to the local council service center for approval and processing.

#### **Council and District Scouters**

- 1. Complete and sign the application.
- 2. Send the proper fee and all three copies of the application to the local council service center for approval and processing.

### **Instructions:**

Please read and review the authorization and disclosure statement. Then sign and date at the bottom of this sheet. To complete your Boy Scouts of America Adult Application, this form and the signed application must be turned in together.

#### **Disclosure/Authorization Form**

#### NOTICE TO APPLICANT REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECK

In order to safeguard the youth in our care, the Boy Scouts of America will procure consumer reports on you in connection with your application to serve as a volunteer, and the Boy Scouts of America may procure additional consumer reports at any time during your service as a volunteer in order to evaluate your continued suitability for volunteer service. The Boy Scouts of America has contracted with ChoicePoint, a consumer reporting agency, to provide the consumer reports. ChoicePoint may be contacted by mail at ChoicePoint, 1000 Alderman Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30005 or by telephone at 800-845-6004.

The consumer reports may contain information bearing on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living. The types of information that may be obtained include but are not limited to Social Security number verification, sex offender registry checks, criminal records checks, inmate records searches, and court records checks. The information contained in these consumer reports may be obtained by ChoicePoint from public record sources. The consumer reports will not include credit record checks or motor vehicle record checks.

The nature and scope of the consumer reports are described above. Nonetheless, you are entitled to request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of such reports by submitting a written request to ChoicePoint at the address listed above. Additional notices for applicants in California, New York, Minnesota, and Oklahoma are provided.

#### **APPLICANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION**

I have carefully read this notice and authorization form and I hereby authorize the Boy Scouts of America and ChoicePoint to procure a consumer report, which as described above will include information relating to my criminal history as received from reporting agencies. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for a volunteer position with the Boy Scouts of America. I also understand that as long as I remain a volunteer, additional consumer reports may be procured at any time. I understand that if the Boy Scouts of America chooses not to accept my application or to revoke my membership based on information contained in a consumer report, I will receive a summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and contact information for the reporting agency, ChoicePoint.

## ADDITIONAL NOTICES TO CALIFORNIA, MINNESOTA, OKLAHOMA, AND NEW YORK APPLICANTS

#### California

Under California law, the consumer reports described above that the Boy Scouts of America will procure on you are defined as investigative consumer reports. These reports will be procured in connection with your application to serve as a volunteer, and additional reports may be procured at any time during your service as a volunteer in order to evaluate your continued suitability for volunteer service. The reports may include information on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living.

Under section 1786.22 of the California Civil Code, you may inspect the file maintained on you by Choice-Point, during normal business hours and with proper identification. You may also obtain a copy of this file, upon submitting proper identification and paying the costs of duplication, by appearing at ChoicePoint's offices in person, during normal business hours and on reasonable notice, or by certified mail upon making a written request. You may also receive a summary of the information contained in this file by telephone. ChoicePoint will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection. If you appear in person, you may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification.

#### For Applicants in California, Minnesota, and Oklahoma Only

You have the right to request a free copy of any report procured on you. If you wish to receive a free copy of any report procured on you, check the box below.

I request a free copy of any report procured on me.

#### New York

As explained above, a consumer report will be requested in connection with your application, and additional consumer reports may be requested during the course of your service with the Boy Scouts of America. You have the right, upon request, to be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested and, if a consumer report was request, of the name and address of the consumer reporting agency that furnished the consumer report.

First name (No initials or nicknames) Please print.	Middle name	Last name	Suffix
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#### My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and accept the accompanying disclosures and acknowledgments.

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## Training for New Volunteers

Welcome to Scouting! As a new Scout volunteer, you are joining our Scouting tamily, and we want you to understand how the program works. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to your success as a volunteer while serving young people. To help you be

#### Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader

First things first! There are two types of training to begin your road to success. They are Fast Start Orientation, which presents a quick introduction to get new volunteers ready for your first meeting or activity, and Youth Protection training.

#### SgninisaT notection Training?

We seek to create as safe an environment as possible for young people to enjoy our program's activities. The Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection training addresses strategies for personal safety awareness for youth as well as adults. Age-appropriate programs and DVD materials include:

- Youth Protection Cuidelines: Training for Volunteer Leaders and Parents—Adults come away with a much clearer awareness of the kinds of abuse, the signs of abuse, and how to
  respond and report should a situation arise.
- Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Adult Venturing Leaders—Designed to give guidance to the leaders in our teenage coed Venturing program. Supervision and relationship estures have a different focus regarding personal safety with this age group.
- It Happened to Me—Developed for Cub Scout-age boys from 6 to 10 years old and their parents. It addresses the four rules of personal safety: Check first, go with a friend, it's your body, and tell.
- A Time to Tell—A video for Boy Scout-age boys from 1.1 to 1.4 years old—the target group for most molesters. It stresses the three R's of youth protection: Recognize, Resist, and Report.
- Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness—Developed for youth ages 14 through 20 in the coeducational Venturing program. It deals with issues pertinent to this age group.



The Boy Scouts of America has adopted these policies primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult volunteers and leaders from false accusations of abuse.

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Two-deep leadership—No one-on-one contact—Respecting privacy—Reporting problems So, How Do I Begin? Online or at Your Council Service Center!

Fast Start training for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders as well as Youth Protection training programs are available through your local council's Web site and service center." Online training is convenient. Your council's Web site may have an icon for Youth Protection training, or you can check under "Training" or "Resources."

Don't know your council's Web address? Go to www.scouting.org and select the training that fits your needs.

You are expected to complete Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Volunteer Leaders and Parents or, if you are involved in Venturing, Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Adult Venturing Leaders within the first 90 days of your registration.

#### What Makes a Trained Leader? (Check when completed)

#### 🗆 Youth Protection Guidelines

- Cub Scout leaders are considered trained when they have completed Fast Start training, Youth Protection training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, and New Leader Essentials.
- □ Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- Troop committee members are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Troop Committee Challenge as their leader-specific training.
- Varsity Scout leaders and assistants are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Varsity Scout Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- Venturing crew Advisors, assistant Advisors, and crew committee members are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and Venturing Leader Specific Training.

#### National Parent Initiative

The Vational Parent Initiative has been designed to increase youth and parent recruitment, retention, advancement, participation, dedication, and a passion for Scouting. Your involvement and commitment is essential to the success of your child's Scouting experience. We encourage the parents (guardians) for each child to:

Participate with them.
 Be part of their unit's program—both weekly meetings and outings. 5. Coach them on their advancement and earning of recognition awards.
 Participate with them.
 Co to and observe their meetings. 4. Support the program financially.