

# Monmouth Council Advancement Committee Update

## Citizenship in Society

### New Merit Badge



Nov 1, 2021



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# Agenda

- Citizenship in Society
- Impact to: Scouts, MB Counselors, Council
- Communication / Roll-out Plan



# Citizenship in Society

This November 1, 2021, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is launching **Citizenship in Society** merit badge, its newest merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program (ages 11-17)

Citizenship in Society merit badge aligns with the **Scout Oath and Scout Law**, which collectively encourages Scouts to respect the beliefs of others, to be kind, courteous, and to help other people at all times.

Starting **July 1, 2022**, the **merit badge will be required** for any youth seeking to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Citizenship in Society merit badge replaces one of the optional merit badges, with a total of 21 total merit badges still required (which will now include seven optional and 14 required merit badges) to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

For more information on the Citizenship in Society merit badge and BSA's commitment to diversity and inclusion, you can visit [www.scouting.org/dei](http://www.scouting.org/dei)



# Impact to Scouts

- <https://vimeo.com/613861523?ref=emshare&fbclid=IwAR0OpcHvRjEKAwv5IkEuNUZ1F-9vKZoZnnZyjcoqkvwPBld0ZXO1r-Lo1DM>

**Citizenship in Society**  
**Scout Impact**  
**Friday, July 1, 2022**



No Impact to Scouts who:

\*Scouts who will age out before June 30, 2022

\*\*Scouts who hold their Eagle BOR before June 30, 2022

Scouts that must complete the MB

All scouts completing their Eagle Requirements after July 1st

\*Scouts who age out before June 30, 2022, can hold their BOR after

\*\*Scouts who do not age out before June 30th must have their Eagle BOR before June 30th, if its held after they will need to complete the new MB

2022												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
						<i>Merit Badge is Required</i>						



## 8.0.3.1 Eagle Scout Board of Review Beyond the 18th Birthday

### New - 2021

An Eagle Scout board of review may occur, **without special approval**, up to **24 months** after a Scout's 18th birthday. See "Boards of Review Must be Granted When Requirements are Met," 8.0.0.2. Even if there are some concerns that requirements have not been fulfilled, the Scout is entitled to a board of review.



# Impact to MB Counselors

## Citizenship in Society:

Becomes available for scouts on [November 1, 2021](#)

Becomes Required for Eagle on [July 1, 2022](#)

## Council

Recruit MB Counselors (Qualifications)

Training (DEI – Training)

What **qualifications** do [Citizenship in Society](#) merit badge counselors have?

BSA has provided specific guidance to local councils on how to prepare counselors for this merit badge. The intent is for Citizenship in Society merit badge counselors to guide Scouts on their journey of self-discovery and facilitate important discussions about the diverse world we live in. Counselors should not advocate for a particular point of view; instead, they will determine whether that Scout's response is based on a good faith effort and rooted in the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Counselors must also adhere to the BSA Code of Conduct and Youth Protection Guidelines in all interactions with youth.



# Counselors

- Familiarize yourself with the Scout Requirements and Counselor Guidelines.
- Complete the **DEI Volunteer Training** to learn key terms and Information:  
[https://training.scouting.org/courses/SCO\\_1800](https://training.scouting.org/courses/SCO_1800)
- Scouts working on this merit badge will **NOT** use a **merit badge pamphlet**. The point is to encourage each Scout to explore information that is most relevant/most interests them to help optimize their learnings.
- Offer Two Options
  1. Individual
  2. Small Group: 3 to 5, scouts, within the same age group (within 2 years)
- In-person or Zoom may be utilized.
- If Zoom, all participants must have their cameras on (pending any necessary accommodation needs).
- Be sure to abide by Youth Protection Guidelines.



# Informational Videos

View these videos to help prepare to serve as a **merit badge counselor** or use the **general information** video to help share information and set expectations with volunteers, parents and/or Scouts.

- Merit Badge Counselor video: <https://vimeo.com/613861523>
- General Information video: <https://vimeo.com/610950264>





# Two Deep Leadership

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at **all Scouting activities**, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.



# Impact to Council

- Registrar
  - MB Counselors (List)
    - Need to make sure units are not teaching the MB with people who are not registered as a counselor
  - Eagle BOR Paperwork
    - Eagle Rank Advancement form will change – add new Required MB starting July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022
  - Lets run a report of all life scouts, include age (sort by oldest to youngest)

Education: DE's > District Chairs > District Committees > Units > Scouts  
Advancement Team Members



# Paperwork Changes

The Troop (and the Scout) should fill out **Eagle Scout Rank Application in PDF format** and send it to the Council Registrar (Angela Emer) for verification

- After July 1, 2022 the number of required Merit Badges will go from 13 to 14, the application will be updated to reflect the change.

Eagle Verification Request email to:

[Angela.Emer@Scouting.org](mailto:Angela.Emer@Scouting.org)



# Council Roll-out

- Volunteer Communication
  - Letter should be send out (all units) and talked about at all roundtables
- Merit Badge Requirements
- MB Counselors
  - Recruit counselors – create a list so units know who is a registered counselor

