

## **Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor**

Merit badge counselors are an integral part of the Scouting program and we are excited that you are interested to become one! National BSA requires all merit badge counselors to be registered, youth protection trained, and have a background check just like all adults in the organization whether-or-not they are a part of a scouting unit.

To become a merit badge counselor:

- 1.Fill out an Adult Application completely including ssn and background check disclosure (<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>)
- 2.Fill out a Merit Badge Counselor Information form (<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>)
- 3.Take the Youth Protection Training at [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) Print a copy of the completion certificate to turn in with your other paperwork.
- 4.Mail or deliver all completed paperwork to the Council Registrar, Michelle Roberts, at 1410 East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204.