



# MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION

**- YOU MUST COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED -**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

**To qualify as a merit badge counselor you must be: at least 18 years old, proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation or avocation, able to work with Scout-age boys, and registered as a Merit Badge Counselor with the Boy Scouts of America.**

I request approval as a counselor in the following merit badges (Note: no more than 10 per counselor as a procedure set by the Burlington County Council, BSA Advancement Committee). When determining your qualifications as a Merit Badge Counselor please consider the following: Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a "working knowledge" of the requirements? If not, do you have any special training, or other qualifications for this subject? Please supply a brief description that you feel qualifies you to be a merit badge counselor for the merit badges selected on the lines provided next to the merit badge:

<u>MERIT BADGE</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

Have you completed Youth Protection Training? (circle) YES NO      If Yes date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a Merit Badge Counselor Orientation? (circle) YES NO      If Yes date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

*I recognize the responsibilities of a Merit Badge Counselor and, should I be approved, agree to do my best to fulfill the requirements of this position and as a representative of Burlington County Council, BSA. I agree to follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all scouts. I agree to complete Youth Protection Training and follow the youth protection requirements of the BSA. I agree to have a Scout and his buddy present at all instructional sessions. I agree to renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor. I will teach and counsel Scouts as outlined in Merit Badge Counseling (BSA Publication No.34529) and will use the most current merit badge requirements available.*

*It is the Council's policy that all Merit Badge Counselors be available to serve all Scouts in the Council. Approval as a Merit Badge Counselor is at the sole discretion of the Council.*

*I acknowledge that the information I provide will be listed in a Merit Badge Counselors' publication and will also be posted on the Council's web site. I hereby give my consent and approval and hold harmless the Burlington County Council, Boy Scouts of America and the National Council, Boy Scouts of America and the officers, employees, and volunteers thereof.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fax or Mail Completed form to:* BCCBSA – MB Counselor, P.O. Box 246, Rancocas, NJ 08073  
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