

**ERIE SHORES COUNCIL**

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION**

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Current registration is paid in: \_\_\_\_\_ (please put in unit # and unit type)

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree to obtain and use the merit badge counselor book, and require no more or less of the Scout than is required therein.**

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

I am willing to counsel outside the unit that I am associated with \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

The present council policy limits a merit badge counselor to a total of **seven (7)** merit badges. State the reasons you are qualified to counsel boys for each badge listed (career, hobby, and training) use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

**MERIT BADGE**

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

Unit approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GUIDELINES FOR MERIT BADGE COUSELORS**

1. Merit Badge applications must be signed in advance by the applicant's unit leader.
2. There should be at least two (2) Scouts (Scout Buddy System) in attendance at all instructional sessions. However, each boy is to be individually tested.
3. All merit badge counselors **MUST** be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you are currently not registered with a unit or district, you can register at a special **NO FEE** status by filling out an adult leader application. Once a year you will be asked to verify that you will serve for another year as counselor.
4. Obtain and use the current merit badge pamphlet for each badge you counsel. You may not change any requirement, but you may share your knowledge or experience that will make the counseling more interesting and valuable. Ask for no more and no less than the badge requirements state.
5. A merit badge counselor is limited to a total of no more than **seven-** (7) merit badge subject's at one time. However, you can at any time revise the list of merit badges that you counsel. Simply fill out a new counselor form and submit it to the Service Center.
6. The council and districts will periodically offer merit badge counselor training which would aide you in your role. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended.
7. **ALL MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE.**