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**Boy Scouts of America
Verdugo Hills Council**

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Attestation of Understanding

Please email applicable documents as stated below to: meritbadge@vhcbsa.org

To qualify as a merit badge counselor for Citizenship in Society, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training.
- Be able to work with scout aged youth.
- Attach your current Youth Protection Certificate. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/> to complete the course and print certificate.
- Complete Merit Badge Counselor training and attach certificate. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> for instructions.
- Complete BSA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training (SCO-1800) and attach certificate. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/> for instructions.
- First time applicants must attach** a completed Boy Scouts of America Adult Application. Per BSA National Policy: *Include a completed Adult Leader Application if you are not currently approved as a Merit Badge Counselor.*

(Keep a copy of this application for your records.)

Guidelines:

- Please read and understand the Verdugo Hills Council Merit Badge Counselor Guidelines document
- Submit application by email (meritbadge@vhcbsa.org) or in person at the Council Service Center.

Boy Scouts of America Membership ID Number _____ Unit Number _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address at Which Scouts Can Contact You: _____

Phone Number at Which Scouts Can Contact You: _____

Alternate Phone Number at Which Scouts Can Contact You: _____

In what language(s) are you comfortable teaching Merit Badges: _____

Scouting is open to all youth. If you want assistance, training, or more information about working with Scouts with special needs, please contact the Committee for Scouts with Disabilities and Special Needs at SWDASN@VHCBSA.org.

As a Merit Badge Counselor for Citizenship in Society, I Agree:

- That I have read and understand the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Guide located at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/diversity_equity_and_inclusion/Citizenship-in-Society-Merit-Badge-Counselor-Guide-2021.pdf
- That I will provide a safe space for Scouts to discuss the topics of the merit badge.
- That I will be a good and careful listener, encouraging the Scout to speak and lead the conversation.
- That I will participate in surveys and in other ways help to ensure this merit badge is delivered well for Scouts.
- Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, and ensure that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- Ensure Youth Protection Guidelines in all merit badge instructional sessions, involving parents and other adults as needed.
- Renew my registration annually and be certified with Youth Protection if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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