

Steps to become a Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor

Due to the unique nature of the Citizenship in Society merit badge the Lake Erie Council has developed a modified process for approving Merit Badge Counselors for this new, Eagle required merit badge. Please follow the instructions below if you wish to counsel this badge.

1. Review the contents of the LEC Citizenship in Society merit badge page:
<https://lecbsa.org/citizenship-in-society-merit-badge> Read **all** the documents that are referenced at the bottom of this page.
2. Complete the DEI training in your my.scouting account.
3. If not already registered as a Merit Badge Counselor, complete an adult application and background check release using code 42. No fee is needed for this application.
4. Complete a LEC Merit Badge Counselor Application (available on the website on the <https://lecbsa.org/citizenship-in-society-merit-badge> page. Please ensure that your email address is on the application.
5. It is best to apply only for the Citizenship in Society on this application. Please put additional badges on a separate MBC application.
6. Both the adult application and the MBC application and detailed instructions can be found on the <https://lecbsa.org/merit-badges> page under the section labeled BECOME A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.
7. Send the adult application (if needed) and the MBC application to MBCApplicationsLEC@scouting.org. If they need to be mailed, they should be sent to

Heather McMillan
PO Box 93388
Cleveland, OH 44101-5388
8. Once Heather has checked your application it will be forwarded to the LEC Advancement Chair (Gary Jarkewicz).
9. He will review your application and contact you to schedule a Zoom interview to determine if you are qualified to counsel this new badge.
10. If you are approved as a MBC for this badge you will be entered into the LEC master list of MBCs as well as the BSA National database. Your information will also show up in Scoutbook once all the databases synchronize.