

Thank you for submitting a proposal for a new merit badge. The process for all new merit badge proposals, which is included in the Award Submission Summary form and information below, will get you started in the right direction. In order to evaluate all proposals in a complete and consistent manner, we ask that all submitters develop their proposals around the Awards Submission Summary. This form should be completed and returned prior to proceeding. It allows the BSA to understand and guide your proposal as well as determine if there is overlap with other proposals already in process.

Please pay particular attention to the short description. This description will be used as the primary input for internal and youth evaluation of the proposal. When we receive high ratings, the proposal will be sent to a volunteer task force for further determination. There are three potential directions this can take: 1) a new standalone merit badge; 2) integration and strengthening of the subject into existing merit badges; 3) not approved. Please address in the form any integration opportunities with existing merit badges.

Many people have found it helpful to draft a set of requirements for their proposed merit badge after looking at existing merit badge requirements either online or in Scout shops. Having a good set of draft requirements is critical in helping our volunteer task force evaluate your idea effectively.

Additional resource information is located at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/boyscouts/advancementandawards/meritbadges.aspx> and
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/boyscouts/guideformeritbadgecounselors/review.aspx>.

Once you have completed the proposal, send it to merit.badge@scouting.org. We ask that you return the completed form by way of email. A mailing address is provided below.

If you have questions, feel free to let me know how I can help.

Thank you,

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