

Scholarship

Merit Badge Workbook

Merit badges are earned by doing: reading the pamphlet, practicing the skills, and showing your counselor what you have learned.
This workbook gives you a place to organize your notes and track your progress along the way.
Merit badge counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbook.
You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.
Use the space under each requirement to note what you have done and what you want to talk about, not to write out full answers.
When a requirement says discuss, show, tell, explain, or demonstrate, that is what you must do.
No one may add to or subtract from the official requirements found on scouting.org (Guide to Advancement 7.0.4.8).
Scouting America last updated this badge's requirements page on August 21, 2026.
Requirements change from time to time. Double-check scouting.org before you start.

Scout's name: _____ Unit: _____ Date started: _____

Counselor's name: _____ Phone no.: _____ Email: _____

Links marked "Scouting America resources" are the ones Scouting America shares on its official badge page.
Links marked "ScoutSmarts" open the matching part of Cole's guide. This workbook is unofficial and not endorsed by Scouting America.

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1. Do ONE of the following:

☐ **(a)** Show that you have had an average grade of B or higher (80% or higher) for one term or semester.
Scouting America resources: How to Do Better in School (video)

School term or semester _____ My average grade _____ Date shown _____

☐ **(b)** Show that for one term or semester you have improved your school grades over the previous period.
Scouting America resources: How to Study (video)

How my grades improved

Subject	Previous period grade	This term or semester grade

Requirement 1 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

2. Do TWO of the following:

☐ **(a)** Make a list of educational places located where you live (other than schools). Visit one, and report on how you used the place for self-education.

Scouting America resources: Why Do We Have Museums (video)

Educational places where I live (other than schools)

Place	What I could learn there

Place I visited _____ Date _____

How I used the place for self-education

☐ **(b)** With your counselor's and your parent or guardian's approval, interview two professionals (other than teachers or other professionals at your school) with established careers. Find out where they were educated, what training they received, and how their education and training have helped prepare them for the career they have chosen. Find out how they continue to educate themselves. Discuss what you find out with your counselor.

Scouting America resources: How to Have a Great Coffee Chat (video)

Counselor approved (date) _____ Parent or guardian approved (date) _____

My two interviews

	Professional 1	Professional 2
Name and career		
Where they were educated		
Training they received		

Professional 1: how their education and training prepared them, and how they keep learning

Professional 2: how their education and training prepared them, and how they keep learning

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Notes for my discussion with my counselor

☐ **(c)** Using a daily planner, show your counselor how you keep track of assignments and activities, and discuss how you manage your time.

Scouting America resources: How to Use Your Planner: Time-Management Tricks for Better Grades (video)
My Daily Planner (video) · **ScoutSmarts:** Requirement 2c explained

The planner I use _____ Date shown _____

How I manage my time

☐ **(d)** Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different methods of research available to you for school assignments, such as the library, books and periodicals, and the internet.

Scouting America resources: The Internet vs the Library (video) · How To Use AI in School Without Cheating (video)
ScoutSmarts: Requirement 2d explained

Methods of research

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
The library		
Books and periodicals		
The internet		

Requirement 2 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

3. Get a note from the principal of your school (or another school official named by the principal) that states that during the past year your behavior, leadership, and service have been satisfactory. Note: If you are home-schooled or your school environment does not include a principal, you may obtain a note from a counterpart such as your parent or guardian.

ScoutSmarts: Requirement 3 explained

Note from (name and title) _____ Date received _____

Requirement 3 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

4. Do ONE of the following:

☐ **(a)** Show that you have taken part in an extracurricular school activity, and discuss with your counselor the benefits of participation and what you learned about the importance of teamwork.

Scouting America resources: What Extracurriculars Should You Do? (video)

Extracurricular activity _____ When I took part _____

Benefits of taking part

What I learned about the importance of teamwork

☐ **(b)** Discuss your participation in a school project during the past semester where you were a part of a team. Tell about the positive contributions you made to the team and the project.

Scouting America resources: How to Be a Great Team Player (video) · How to Be a Team Player To Succeed (video)

School project _____ Class and semester _____

My positive contributions to the team and the project

Requirement 4 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

5. Do ONE of the following:

☐ **(a)** Write a report of 250 to 300 words about how the education you receive in school will be of value to you in the future and how you will continue to educate yourself in the future.

Scouting America resources: Personal Narrative (video)

How my education will be of value to me in the future

How I will continue to educate myself

My 250 to 300 word report (write here or attach)

☐ **(b)** Write a report of 250 to 300 words about two careers that interest you and how specific classes and good scholarship in general will help you achieve your career goals.

Scouting America resources: Informative Writing (video)

Two careers that interest me

Career	Classes that will help	How good scholarship will help

My 250 to 300 word report (write here or attach)

Requirement 5 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

Counselor sign-off

Your counselor signs your blue card or approves the badge in Scoutbook, and your unit records it. This line is for your own records.

Counselor's signature _____ Date completed _____

Official Scouting America resources

Scouting America resources: Scholarship merit badge page (requirements and resources) · Scholarship merit badge pamphlet (free PDF) All merit badges · **ScoutSmarts:** Scholarship Merit Badge Guide

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