

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Info

The goal of the Citizenship in Society merit badge is to help educate Scouts on what diversity, equity, and inclusion are; why they are important; and how to lead ethically and inclusively to contribute to the cultivation of an environment of belonging for all Scouts. Scouts are asked to do extensive exploration into their own learning, growth, and views about others.

The vast majority of the merit badge requirements are Discuss/Explain/Describe form, making this merit badge easy to complete with a very broad range of acceptable responses to the requirements. The most demanding requirement is an interview with another Scout or youth. This merit badge could be completed in a couple of hours, and is a great one for a scout to work on at home with very little interaction with others.

As an eagle-required merit badge, Citizenship in Society will be one of the most commonly completed merit badges starting in July, 2022.

Helpful Hints (the numbers correspond to the Requirement number):

1. In answering these questions, remember “how they relate to the Scout Oath & Law.”
2. Have a definition of Leadership ready, and the meaning of making ethical decisions (write these on another sheet of paper). Item 2a says to research an individual (can be someone you know or know of), then in 2b you must have information about what that person did and how it impacted society.
3. Share only what you might feel comfortable sharing with a group of Scouts in 3a. In 3b you can mention decisions that other might have had to make, but don't use names. How would you respond according to the Oath & Law. Put something in 3c that you would like to know you would do.
4. Answer all three Scenarios, but you will only be required to mention two.
5. Answer all.
6. It would be best to do this before we meet, as we can't guarantee having differences within the group to be able to fully investigate the purpose of this requirement. We will try to focus on 6c from all of the group.
7. Identify someone and do research. If that person is local, you can do an interview and bring the information to our group. Answer 7b whether from an interview or a research endeavor.
8. Complete the requirement and respond to the requirement “describe what you learned.”
9. Answer as appropriate.
10. Make comments on answers to the issue of stereotyping others.
11. Respond to the issues in this requirement.