

Earning Merit Badges

General

- You can start earning merit badges as soon as you become a Boy Scout.
- Merit badges can be earned only from Registered Merit Badge Counselors (the latest list of registered merit badge counselors is on the Troop web site, or you can copy information from the list in the Troop file cabinet).
- You can find out about merit badge requirements and download helpful worksheets on the Internet by going to the Troop web site (www.troop139.com).
- You can borrow merit badge pamphlets from the Troop Library (please sign out merit badge pamphlets), or you can buy merit badge pamphlets at any Boy Scout Store.

Blue Cards (BSA Form 34124)

- You must get a signed “Blue Card” from your Scoutmaster or Advancement Chairperson before starting on a merit badge.
- Fill out the all of the “Blue Card”, except for: the name and address of the counselor, the signatures, and the date completed (use: Los Angeles Area Council and North Star District were requested).
- If you only complete part of the requirements for a merit badge, your counselor should indicate on the middle panel which requirements were completed, and write the date and his/her initials. You can finish the merit badge at another time, and even finish the merit badge with a different counselor who is registered for that merit badge.
- When your finish the merit badge requirements, your counselor should sign and date your “Blue Card” Turn-in the “APPLICATION” panel to the Troop Advancement Chairperson and keep the “APPLICANT’S RECORD” in your 3-ring binder.
- DON’T LOSE your “Blue Cards” – save them in the plastic holders in your 3-ring binder. You cannot apply for Eagle Scout rank without submitting copies of your signed “Blue Cards”.

The image shows the 'APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE' form (BSA Form 34124) with several annotations. On the left, there is a table with columns for 'Counselor's name', 'Date of approval', 'Requirements met and when', and 'Date of approval'. Below this table is a section for 'Information for Applicant' and 'Information for Counselor'. The main form area contains fields for Name, Address, City, Troop 139, Council (North Star), and Signature of unit leader. Annotations with arrows point to these fields: 'Your name & address' points to the Name field; 'Troop 139' points to the Troop field; 'North Star' points to the Council field; and 'L.A.A.C. (Los Angeles Area Council)' points to the Council field.

KEEP THE CENTER PANEL FOR YOUR RECORDS

The image shows the 'APPLICANT'S RECORD' and 'COUNSELOR'S RECORD' panels of the BSA Form 34124. The 'APPLICANT'S RECORD' panel includes fields for Name, Address, City, Telephone number, Signature of counselor, Date, and Certificate and badge presented. The 'COUNSELOR'S RECORD' panel includes fields for Name, Troop, Team, Post, Unit number, Merit badge, Signature of counselor, Signature of unit leader, and Remarks. Annotations with arrows point to these fields: 'Your name' points to the Name field in the Counselor's Record; 'Troop 139' points to the Troop field; and 'Name of the Merit Badge' points to the Merit badge field.