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TO: Scout executives **DATE:** December 2008

FROM: Joe Glasscock, Team Leader
Volunteer Development
Council Solutions Group **CC:** Regional directors
Area directors

SUBJECT: 2009 AFL-CIO WOOD BADGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- ACTION:**
- Share with district executives and program staff.
 - Publicize in council newsletter or bulletin.
 - Promote to Scouters at roundtables and other activities.
 - Advise union members in your community of the availability of this scholarship.
 - Share with the AFL-CIO central labor council in your area.

Attached you will find information on the 2009 AFL-CIO Wood Badge Scholarship program created especially for union members who are active in Scouting.

Three national scholarships will be provided for each of the four regions. The scholarship provides the course fee for the six-day Wood Badge training program. The recipient must provide transportation to and from the course. Once the recipient has successfully completed the course, the council should send an invoice for the course fee to the Volunteer Development Department, S209 at the national office. Upon receipt of the invoice, the council will be reimbursed the course fee.

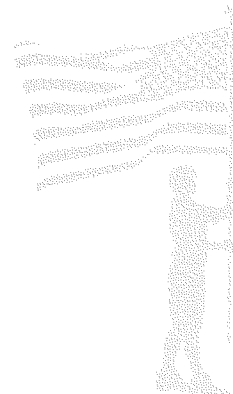
A substantial number of union members are actively involved in Scouting. The AFL-CIO Wood Badge Scholarship program assists these members in obtaining training that will better prepare them to serve youth.

The application should be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon and must be sent, postmarked no later than February 15, 2009, to: Volunteer Development Department/Council Solutions Group, S209, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079. If additional applications are needed, please contact me at 972-580-2211.

Attachments



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079
972-580-2000



Rationale

A survey conducted by the Boy Scouts of America revealed that one of every four unit leaders is a union member. This means that hundreds of thousands of union members are actively serving the youth of their community in such leadership roles as Cubmasters, den leaders, Scoutmasters, Varsity Scout Coaches, Venturing Advisors, and committee members.

Recognizing this, it is proper that the AFL-CIO offer a Wood Badge scholarship to assist selected union members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

Guidelines

1. This scholarship program covers the current Wood Badge course, which was updated in 2000. Wood Badge for the 21st century has been developed for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The focus of the course is on the development of leadership skills, not outdoor skills.
2. There shall be awarded annually three scholarships for each BSA region, for a total of 12.
3. Scholarships will cover the tuition fee only. The recipient must furnish transportation to and from Wood Badge training locations.
4. Eligibility shall be limited to lifetime and dues-paying union members.
5. Applicants must satisfy all Wood Badge course prerequisites.
6. All applications will be reviewed by AFL-CIO members involved with Scouting.

AFL-CIO WOOD BADGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete this application and secure official approvals from your local union president and Scout executive. Obtain dates and locations of Wood Badge courses from your local Scout executive. Enter the dates and location of the course selected on this form. It is in the applicant's best interest to be thorough in completing the application.

RETURN NO
LATER THAN
JANUARY 15

TO: Labor Relations, S226
Boy Scouts of America
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

I wish to be considered for a scholarship to attend the following Wood Badge training:

Course no. _____ Dates _____, 20____

Conducted by host council or host region Location of course _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Please print.)

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Local union no. _____ Name of your national or international union _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Marital status _____ Number of children _____ Ages _____

Membership, involvement, positions held in union and other organizations, years of involvement _____

SCOUTING BACKGROUND

Number of years of Scouting experience as a youth _____ As an adult _____

Scouting positions currently held _____

Are you an American Labor merit badge counselor? Yes No

Number of Scouts counseled to completion _____

Would you be interested in being an American Labor merit badge counselor? Yes No

Scouting positions held in the past _____

Training experiences and awards received: give years _____

LOCAL UNION APPROVAL AND COMMENT (Use additional page if necessary.)

The above-named candidate is a member in good standing and worthy of receiving an AFL-CIO scholarship.

Print name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____ Union _____

AFL-CIO Central Labor Council Name Address _____

Phone () _____

BSA LOCAL COUNCIL APPROVAL

Statement by local council as to why this applicant should be considered for a scholarship and affirming that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the prerequisites for the course selected:

Council name _____

Signature of Scout executive _____

Council no. _____ BSA region _____

Address _____

Date _____

If awarded this Wood Badge scholarship, I will furnish my own transportation and will participate in the Wood Badge experience indicated on this application in the same year I receive the scholarship. Recipients must make their own timely course reservations with the host council. I further agree to aid my council with its leadership training program through instruction and coaching of others upon my return from the Wood Badge course.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____



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