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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 VFW 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 VFW posts in your community of the availability of this scholarship.

Attached you will find information on the 2009 VFW Wood Badge Scholarship program created especially for Veterans of Foreign Wars 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 at the national office. Upon receipt of the invoice, the council will be reimbursed the course fee.

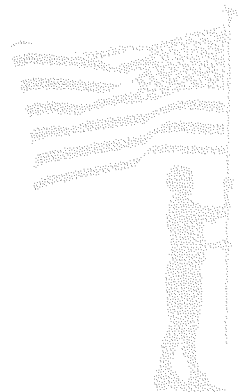
The Veterans of Foreign Wars strongly supports the Scouting program, and a substantial number of its members are actively involved in Scouting. The VFW Wood Badge Scholarship program assists these members in obtaining training that will better prepare them to serve our nation's youth.

The scholarship application should be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon and must be sent, postmarked no later than March 31, 2009, to: Volunteer Development/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

The VFW has entered into a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America to encourage Posts to organize Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews. To further this effort, the VFW National Headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities. Members-at-large and retirees can qualify by being sponsored by the nearest VFW Post in their area.

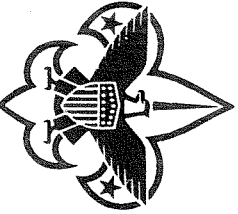
GUIDELINES

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.

Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge -- an 8-day course involving an in-depth study of Scoutcraft skills and the leadership skills common to all leadership roles.

Cub Scout Trainer Wood Badge -- an 8-day course designed to influence and improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of Cub Scout Trainers to effectuate quality Cub Scouting through a better trained and better informed cadre of local council leaders and trainers, thus extending the tenure of Cub Scout leaders.

2. There shall be awarded annually three scholarships for each BSA region for a total of 12.
3. Scholarships will cover tuition fee only. The recipient must furnish transportation to and from Wood Badge course locations.
4. Applicants must satisfy all Wood Badge course prerequisites.
5. Applicants must be VFW members in good standing.



VFW WOOD BADGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete this application and secure official approvals and authorization from the VFW Post Commander and the local council Scout executive. From your local council Scout executive, obtain the dates and location of Wood Badge courses and enter days and location of course selected.

RETURN TO:

Relationships Division, S226
Boy Scouts of America
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038
Postmarked by: No later than March 31.

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

Name of course _____ Dates _____ 20____

Location _____ BSA region _____

CANDIDATE

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Marital Status _____ Children _____ Ages _____

Membership in other organizations _____

VFW INFORMATION

*Current member of VFW Post No. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

VFW Offices held _____

VFW Post Commander Certification _____
(COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

*VFW members in good standing only can apply. (PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE VFW POST NUMBER.)

SCOUTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Number of years Scouting experience: Youth _____ Adult _____

Scouting positions held: Current _____

Past _____

Training experiences and awards received _____

If awarded this Wood Badge scholarship, I will furnish my own transportation and participate in the Wood Badge experience indicated on this application and 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 _____

FOR LOCAL COUNCIL USE ONLY

(Must be completed and signed by Scout Executive.)

Statement by local council stating why this application should be considered for scholarship and that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the prerequisites for the course selected.

Council No. _____ Signature of Scout Executive _____

Address _____ Date _____

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