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Policy – Requirements for registration

This policy establishes the requirements for registration in the Susquehanna Council.

Changes to this policy must be approved by the Executive Board. No exceptions are set forth in the policy.

1. **Youth registration.** All youth registering in the council must meet the following requirements to be fully registered.
 - a. New registration.
 - 1) Youth Application. Completed, reviewed, and approved by the unit leader utilizing the paper application or on-line registration.
 - 2) Fees. All fees paid in full, including National membership fee, council member services fee, and council insurance fee.
 - b. Annual renewal of registration.
 - 1) Fees. All fees paid in full, including National membership fee, council member services fee, and council insurance fee.
2. **Adult leader registration.** All adults registering to serve in the council as a leader in a unit (cub pack, troop, crew, post, or ship), a member of a district or council committee, a member of the council executive board, or a council member-at-large must meet the following requirements to be fully registered.
 - a. New registration.
 - 1) Adult Application (available on line or as a paper document). Completed, reviewed, and approved by:
 - a) Chartered Org head or rep for unit adults.
 - b) Scout Exec for district and council adults.
 - 2) Background check disclosure. Completion of the authorization for the background check disclosure that is an addendum to the adult application.
 - 3) Background check. Completion of a background check by National BSA and receipt by the council of an approval from National to register the individual.
 - 4) Fees. All fees paid in full, including National membership fee, council member services fee, and council insurance fee.
 - 5) Position training. Completion of all specific training for the position for which the individual is registering as established in the council's current training policy. See the council's "Policy – Required training for adult leaders" available on the council's website for more information.

- 6) Safeguarding Youth Training.
 - a) Completion of Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training.
 - b) At the time of registration, the SYT must be current. See the council's "Policy – Required training for adult leaders" available on the council's website for more information.
- 7) Clearances.
 - a) Completion of all three clearance requirements required in PA for all adults having direct volunteer contact with children entailing routine (regular) interaction.
 - i. Report of Criminal History from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP)
 - ii. Child Abuse History clearance from the PA Department of Human Services.
 - iii. Disclosure Statement for Volunteers for those having lived continuously in PA for the previous 10 years at the time of registration.
 - iv. FBI Criminal History Report (fingerprint based) for those not living continuously in PA for the previous 10 years at the time of registration.
 - b) All clearances **must be current** at the time of registration.
- b. Annual renewal of registration.
 - 1) Adult Application (only if changing position). Completed, reviewed, and approved by:
 - a) Chartered Org head or rep for unit adults.
 - b) Scout Exec for district and council adults.
 - 2) Background check (only if changing position). Completion of a background check by National Scouting America and receipt by the council of an approval from National to register the individual.
 - 3) Fees. All fees paid in full, including National membership fee, council member services fee, and council insurance fee.
 - 4) Position training (only if changing position). Completion of all specific training for the position for which the individual is registering as established in the council's "Policy – Required training for adult leaders" available on the council's website for more information.
 - 5) Safeguarding Youth Traininng.
 - a) Completion of Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training.
 - b) At the time of registration, the SYT must be current. See the council's "Policy – Required training for adult leaders" available on the council's website for more information.

- 6) Clearances.
 - a) If not current, completion of any or all three clearance requirements required in PA for all adults having direct volunteer contact with children entailing routine (regular) interaction.
 - i. Report of Criminal History from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP)
 - ii. Child Abuse History clearance from the PA Department of Human Services.
 - iii. Disclosure Statement for Volunteers for those having lived continuously in PA for the previous 10 years at the time of registration.
Or
FBI Criminal History Report (fingerprint based) for those not living continuously in PA for the previous 10 years at the time of registration.
 - b) Each clearance is valid for five years from the date on the clearance. All clearances **must be current** at the time of registration.

3. **Merit badge counselor registration.** All adults registering to serve in the council solely as a merit badge counselor must meet the following requirements to be fully registered.

- a. New registration.
 - 1) Adult Application (available on line or as a paper document). Completed, reviewed, and approved by the Scout Exec.
 - 2) Background check disclosure. Completion of the authorization for the background check disclosure that is an addendum to the adult application.
 - 3) Merit Badge Counselor Information form. Completion of the Merit Badge Counselor Information form for approval as a counselor for specific merit badges. See Advancement policies and procedures, Section 3.1.
 - 4) Fees. The merit badge counselor fee paid in full. This fee is only required for adults registering with Scouting America only as a MB counselor; not applicable if the adult is also registered for another adult leader position.
 - 5) Position training. Completion of the specific training required to serve as a merit badge counselor. See the council's "Policy – Required training for adult leaders" available on the council's website.
 - 6) Safeguarding Youth Traininng.
 - a) Completion of Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training.
 - b) At the time of registration, the SYT must be current. See the council's "Policy – Required training for adult leaders" available on the council's website for more information.

- 7) Clearances.
 - a) Completion of all three clearance requirements required in PA for all adults having direct volunteer contact with children entailing routine (regular) interaction.
 - i. Report of Criminal History from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP)
 - ii. Child Abuse History clearance from the PA Department of Human Services.
 - iii. Disclosure Statement for Volunteers for those having lived continuously in PA for the previous 10 years at the time of registration.
Or
FBI Criminal History Report (fingerprint based) for those not living continuously in PA for the previous 10 years at the time of registration.
 - b) All clearances **must be current** at the time of registration.
- 8) Background check. Completion of a background check by National BSA and receipt by the council of an approval from National to register the individual.

b. Annual renewal of registration.

- 1) Renewal letter. Completion and submission of renewal letter.
- 2) Fees. The merit badge counselor fee paid in full. This fee is only required for adults registering with Scouting America only as a MB counselor; not applicable if the adult is also registered for another adult leader position.
- 3) Position training. Completion of the specific training required to serve as a merit badge counselor. See the council's "Policy – Required training for adult leaders" available on the council's website.
- 4) Safeguarding Youth Traininng.
 - a) Completion of Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training.
 - b) At the time of registration, the SYT must be current. See the council's "Policy – Required training for adult leaders" available on the council's website for more information.
- 5) Clearances.
 - a) If not current, completion of any or all three clearance requirements required in PA for all adults having direct volunteer contact with children entailing routine (regular) interaction.
 - i. Report of Criminal History from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP)
 - ii. Child Abuse History clearance from the PA Department of Human Services.
 - iii. Disclosure Statement for Volunteers for those having lived continuously in PA for the previous 10 years at the time of registration.
 - iv. FBI Criminal History Report (fingerprint based) for those not living continuously in PA for the previous 10 years at the time of registration.
 - b) Each clearance is valid for five years from the date on the clearance. All clearances **must be current** at the time of registration.