






# Citizenship in the Nation

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**Citizenship in the Nation** merit badge resources include the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge worksheet , links, and cross-references to related merit badges and Boy Scout awards.

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	<i>This is the <b>Boy Scout Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge</b>. Webelos Scouts can earn the Citizen activity badge. Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts can earn the Cub Scout Citizenship belt loop and pin.</i>
	<b>Citizenship in the Nation</b> requires prior counselor approval for requirement(s) #6.
	<b>Citizenship in the Nation</b> merit badge is <b>required</b> for the Eagle Scout Rank.

<b>Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge</b>			
	<b>Field of study:</b>	Personal Development	
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“ As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens. ”



## Citizenship in the Nation requirements

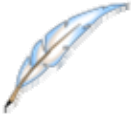

1. Explain what citizenship in the nation means and what it takes to be a good citizen of this country. Discuss the rights, duties, and obligations of a responsible and active American citizen.
2. Do TWO of the following:
  - a. Visit a place that is listed as a National Historic Landmark or that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Tell your counselor what you learned about the landmark or site and what you found interesting about it.
  - b. Tour your state capitol building or the U.S. Capitol. Tell your counselor what you learned about the capitol, its function, and the history.
  - c. Tour a federal facility. Explain to your counselor what you saw there and what you learned about its function in the local community and how it serves this nation.
  - d. Choose a national monument that interests you. Using books, brochures, the Internet (with your parent's permission), and other resources, find out more about the monument. Tell your counselor what you learned, and explain why the monument is important to this country's citizens.
3. Watch the national evening news five days in a row OR read the front page of a major daily newspaper five days in a row. Discuss the national issues you learned about with your counselor. Choose one of the issues and explain how it affects you and your family.
4. Discuss each of the following documents with your counselor. Tell your counselor how you feel life in the United States might be different without each one.
  - a. Declaration of Independence
  - b. Preamble to the Constitution
  - c. The Constitution
  - d. Bill of Rights
  - e. Amendments to the Constitution
5. List the six functions of government as noted in the preamble to the Constitution. Discuss with your counselor how these functions affect your family and local community.
6. With your counselor's approval, choose a speech of national historical importance. Find out about the author, and tell your counselor about the person who gave the speech. Explain the importance of the speech at the time it was given, and tell how it applies to American citizens today. Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, and tell your counselor why.
7. Name the three branches of our federal government and explain to your counselor their functions. Explain how citizens are involved in each branch. For each branch of government, explain the importance of the system of checks and balances.
8. Name your two senators and the member of Congress from your congressional district. Write a letter about a national issue and send it to one of these elected officials, sharing your view with him or her. Show your letter and any response you receive to your counselor.



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*Boy Scout Requirements*, 2011 Edition (BSA Supply No. 34765)

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**Please note any errors found in the above requirements on this article's Talk Page.**

## Notes

 <p><b>A FREE workbook for Citizenship in the Nation is available here!</b> </p> <p><i>with the maps, charts, links, diagrams, and checklists you need!</i>  <i>Or click here to print just the Citizenship in the Nation requirements (<a href="http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Template:Citizenship_in_the_Nation/req&amp;printable=yes">http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Template:Citizenship_in_the_Nation/req&amp;printable=yes</a>).</i></p>	<p>meritbadg has PDF a DOC vers of Boy Scout merit badg workbook Webelos workbook and Cub S workbook</p>
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1. Per the BSA: *"You should read the merit badge pamphlet on the subject."* Pamphlets (books) are at local Scout Shops (<http://www.scoutstuff.org/BSASupply/storeloc.aspx>) and online at ScoutStuff.org ([http://www.scoutstuff.org/BSASupply/SearchPage.aspx?page=LIST&free\\_text=merit+badge+pamphlet](http://www.scoutstuff.org/BSASupply/SearchPage.aspx?page=LIST&free_text=merit+badge+pamphlet)).
2. *"Get a signed Merit Badge application from your Scoutmaster."* An online, printable Word doc file version is available.
3. Citizenship in the Nation merit badge is on the Eagle Scout required list (requirement 3.c.).
4. The BSA Citizenship Troop Program Feature offers meeting and activity plans to include Citizenship in the Nation as one of your monthly themes.

## Requirement resources

- 1: Citizenship (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizenship>) - Rights ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_nationality\\_law#Rights\\_of\\_citizens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_nationality_law#Rights_of_citizens)) - Duties (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duty>) - Jury Duty ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jury\\_duty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jury_duty)) - Obligations (Responsibilities) ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_nationality\\_law#Responsibilities\\_of\\_citizens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_nationality_law#Responsibilities_of_citizens))
- 2a: National Historic Landmarks (<http://tps.cr.nps.gov/nhl/default.cfm>) - National Register of Historic Places (<http://www.nr.nps.gov/>)
- 2c: Post Office Finder (<http://www.usps.com/locator/welcome.htm?from=home&page=0060locatopo>) - Your local post office is a federal facility.
- 2d: National Monuments ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_National\\_Monuments\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_National_Monuments_of_the_United_States))
- 3: Major daily newspaper websites (<http://www.newspaperlinks.com/voyager.cfm>)
- 4a: Declaration of Independence ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Declaration\\_of\\_Independence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence))

Declaring Independence: Drafting the Documents  
(<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/declara/declara1.html>)

- 4b: Preamble to the Constitution ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preamble\\_to\\_the\\_United\\_States\\_Constitution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preamble_to_the_United_States_Constitution))

Constitutional Topic: The Preamble online ([http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop\\_pre.html](http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop_pre.html))

- 4c: The Constitution ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Constitution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Constitution))

The Constitution Online (<http://www.usconstitution.net>) or The Constitution (<http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution.html>)

- 4d: Bill of Rights ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Bill\\_of\\_Rights](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Bill_of_Rights))
- 4e: Amendments to the Constitution ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_amendments\\_to\\_the\\_United\\_States\\_Constitution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_amendments_to_the_United_States_Constitution))
- 5: Six functions of government from the first six articles ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Constitution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Constitution))
- 6: Famous speeches ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Famous\\_speeches](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Famous_speeches))

Gettysburg Address ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gettysburg\\_Address](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gettysburg_Address)) I have a dream ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I\\_have\\_a\\_dream](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I_have_a_dream))

Presidential Speeches (<http://comm.tamu.edu/pres/speech.html>)

The History Place: Great Speeches Collection (<http://www.historyplace.com/speeches/previous.htm>)

- 7: Branches of Government ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Branches\\_of\\_government#United\\_States:\\_three\\_branches](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Branches_of_government#United_States:_three_branches))

Checks and Balances ([http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop\\_cnb.html](http://www.usconstitution.net/consttop_cnb.html)) From US Constitution Online

Checks and Balances ([http://www.socialstudieshelp.com/Lesson\\_13\\_Notes.htm](http://www.socialstudieshelp.com/Lesson_13_Notes.htm))

- 8: Citizenship in the Nation MB Pamphlet, page 41: "You can write a letter online or send a letter by mail."

Write a letter online to your Senator or Congressman (<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>)

U.S. House of Representatives (<http://www.house.gov>) U.S. Senate (<http://www.senate.gov>)

Another site for Contacting the Congress (<http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>)

## Related awards

### Personal Development-related awards

- Boy Scout Merit Badges: American Cultures - American Heritage - **Citizenship in the Community - Citizenship in the Nation - Citizenship in the World - Communications - Disabilities Awareness - Family Life - Genealogy - Personal Fitness - Personal Management - Public Speaking - Reading - Scholarship - Traffic Safety**
- Venturing: Religious and Community Life Bronze Award - TRUST Award - Quest Award - Ranger Award electives: Physical Fitness - Backpacking
- Webelos Activity Badges: Citizen - Communicator - Family Member - Fitness - Scholar; Other resources: Flag Ceremonies
- Cub Scout Belt Loops & Pins: Citizenship - Communicating - Heritages - Language and Culture - Physical Fitness

## See also

## Merit Badge information

- An Introduction to Merit Badges – how to get started, who chooses the counselor, etc.
- Merit Badge Worksheets & Requirements – with the revision dates, diagrams, charts, checklists, logs, and links you need.
- Merit Badge Application – offers online resources to let you print "Blue Cards," etc.
- Merit Badge FAQ – answers dozens of questions like: Who can be a counselor? Can requirements be added or removed?
- Merit Badges Requiring Prior Approval – Certain requirements need prior approval. Most do not. Here is the list.
- Also see: Most Popular Merit Badges – Merit Badge Policies – Eagle-Required Merit Badges – Merit Badge Days
- Additionally: List of Merit Badges by Field of Study – Merit Badge Pamphlets & Libraries
- Merit Badge Counselors must complete Youth Protection Training, file an Adult Application (and Merit Badge Counselor Information Form); and be approved by the local council. (See the Guide for Merit Badge Counselors for additional details.)



*Boy Scout portal*



*Varsity Scout portal*



*Venturing portal*

## External links

- The American Government - "A Grand Experiment" (<http://www.iveleague.org/s021-ab.html>)
- National Center for Constitutional Studies (<http://www.nccs.net/>) Includes an online Constitution quiz and game
- Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government (<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>)
- US History (<http://www.ushistory.org/>) A comprehensive site created by the Independence Hall Association
- Justices of the Supreme Court (<http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/justices/fullcourt.html>)
- Understanding the Federal Courts (<http://www.uscourts.gov/understand03/index.html>)
- Kids in the House (<http://clerkkids.house.gov/>)
- World's Smallest Political Quiz (<http://www.theadvocates.org/quiz.html>)
- Town Hall (<http://townhall.com/>)
- 50 States and Capitals (<http://www.50states.com/>)
- LSU Libraries Federal Agencies Directory (<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html>)
- The White House (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>)
- Congress of the United States (<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/home>)

### Merit Badges required for the Eagle Scout Rank



First Aid | Citizenship in the Community | **Citizenship in the Nation** | Citizenship in the World | Communications | Emergency Preparedness **OR** Lifesaving | Environmental Science | Camping | Family Life | Swimming **OR** Hiking **OR** Cycling | Personal Fitness | Personal Management



### Merit Badges by Field of Study

**Agribusiness** Animal Science · Farm Mechanics

**Arts and Crafts** Art · Basketry · Bugling · Leatherwork · Metalwork · Music · Pottery · Sculpture · Wood Carving

<b>Business and Industry</b>	American Business · Entrepreneurship · Pulp and Paper · Salesmanship · Textile
<b>Conservation</b>	Environmental Science · Fish and Wildlife Management · Forestry · Soil and Water Conservation Backpacking · Camping · Coin Collecting · Collections · Cooking · Dog Care · Gardening · Hiking ·
<b>Hobbies</b>	Home Repairs · Indian Lore · Model Design and Building · Pets · Pioneering · Radio · Rowing · Stamp Collecting
<b>Natural Science</b>	Archaeology · Astronomy · Bird Study · Geology · Insect Study · Mammal Study · Nature · Oceanography · Reptile and Amphibian Study · Weather
<b>Communications</b>	Cinematography · Journalism · Photography · Theater
<b>Personal Development</b>	American Cultures · American Heritage · Citizenship in the Community · <b>Citizenship in the Nation</b> · Citizenship in the World · Communications · Disabilities Awareness · Family Life · Genealogy · Personal Fitness · Personal Management · Public Speaking · Reading · Scholarship · Scouting Heritage · Traffic Safety · Wilderness Survival
<b>Physical Science</b>	Chemistry · Computers · Electricity · Electronics · Energy · Nuclear Science · Robotics · Space Exploration
<b>Professions</b>	Architecture · Dentistry · Engineering · Inventing · Landscape Architecture · Law · Medicine · Surveying · Veterinary Medicine
<b>Public Service</b>	Crime Prevention · Emergency Preparedness · Fingerprinting · Fire Safety · First Aid · Lifesaving · Public Health · Safety
<b>Sports</b>	Archery · Athletics · Canoeing · Climbing · Cycling · Fishing · Fly Fishing · Geocaching · Golf · Horsemanship · Motorboating · Orienteering · Rifle Shooting · Scuba Diving · Shotgun Shooting · Skating · Small Boat Sailing · Snow Sports · Sports · Swimming · Water Sports · Whitewater
<b>Trades</b>	American Labor · Automotive Maintenance · Composite Materials · Drafting · Graphic Arts · Painting · Plumbing · Woodwork
<b>Transportation</b>	Aviation · Railroading · Truck Transportation

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