

Citizenship & Society

Eagle Required

Common at Merit Badge Colleges

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

Diversity, equity, and inclusion — added as an Eagle-required badge in 2021.

Typical time to complete: **2–4 weeks**

GOOD FIT IF YOU LIKE

Leadership

Helping Others

Tips for Earning This Badge

- 1 Read the pamphlet carefully. The discussions are personal and reflective — there are no wrong answers as long as you have thought things through honestly.
- 2 This badge works well at a merit badge college where discussions happen in a group setting.
- 3 The self-reflection writing requirement is shorter than scouts expect — focus on specific examples from your own experience.
- 4 Counselors are trained to keep these conversations low-pressure — the goal is genuine reflection, not a "correct" answer.
- 5 A common pitfall: giving generic answers instead of personal ones. "I would treat everyone fairly" is weaker than a specific story about a time you did.

Available at Merit Badge Colleges

This badge is commonly offered at merit badge college events hosted by councils and universities. A great way to knock it out in a weekend with an experienced counselor. [Learn how to find one near you.](#)

Official Requirements

We keep this page focused on tips and what to expect, not a copy of the requirement text — requirements get revised periodically, and scouts are generally held to whichever version was current when they started the badge (the same reason Scoutbook lets you filter by pamphlet version). For the exact, current wording, check your Scoutbook record for this badge or the official page below.

Citizenship in Society on [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) 

Finding a Counselor

Ask your Scoutmaster for the council's merit badge counselor list. For popular badges, a parent in your troop may already be registered as a counselor. If your troop doesn't have one, your council's advancement chair can help connect you.