Follow instructions and meet requirements as specified on Verdugo Hills Council Merit Badge Counselor Application.

It is strongly recommended that one uses the Verdugo Hills Council Merit Badge Counselor Application to expedite processing by the Advancement Committee for approval as a Merit Badge Counselor for the council.

Submit application via email (meritbadge@vhcbsa.org) or in person at the Council Service Center.

All persons submitting a Merit Badge Counselor application will be reviewed by Council before the application is passed to the Advancement Committee for approval – please be patient with our process as the average approval time is 30 to 60 days.

Optionally, add an additional sheet of paper to apply to be a Merit Badge Counselor for no more than 6 merit badges with your initial application.

The Verdugo Hills Council Advancement Committee reserves the right to partially approve any Merit Badge Counselor application, accepting the application for some Merit Badges while declining others.

The Verdugo Hills Council Advancement Committee sometimes needs to contact candidates for additional information before a proper decision can be made to approve an application – please be as thorough as possible with information presented on your application.

Annually, acknowledge your continuing desire to be a Merit Badge Counselor by responding promptly to requests for the same from the Council Advancement Committee – you will be asked for this acknowledgement every year.

It is strongly recommended to focus on no more than 10 Merit Badges for each Merit Badge Counselor to provide a quality advancement program for our youth – any Merit Badge applications that will take a Merit Badge Counselors total number of represented Merit Badges above 10 (ten) will be reviewed with added discretion.

You are responsible to keep your knowledge of merit badge requirements and any required certifications up to date because requirements change periodically.

You may withdraw yourself from being a council-approved Merit Badge Counselor, for 1 or more merit badges approved, at any time by emailing or otherwise contacting the Council Advancement Committee.

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