

Earning Merit Badges

General

- You can start earning merit badges as soon as you become a Boy Scout.
- Merit badges can be earned only from Registered Merit Badge Counselors (the latest list of registered merit badge counselors is on the Troop web site, or you can copy information from the list in the Troop file cabinet).
- You can find out about merit badge requirements and download helpful worksheets on the Internet by going to the Troop web site (www.troop139.com).
- You can borrow merit badge pamphlets from the Troop Library (please sign out merit badge pamphlets), or you can buy merit badge pamphlets at any Boy Scout Store.

Blue Cards (BSA Form 34124)

- You must get a signed “Blue Card” from your Scoutmaster or Advancement Chairperson before starting on a merit badge.
- Fill out the all of the “Blue Card”, except for: the name and address of the counselor, the signatures, and the date completed (use: Los Angeles Area Council and North Star District were requested).
- If you only complete part of the requirements for a merit badge, your counselor should indicate on the middle panel which requirements were completed, and write the date and his/her initials. You can finish the merit badge at another time, and even finish the merit badge with a different counselor who is registered for that merit badge.
- When your finish the merit badge requirements, your counselor should sign and date your “Blue Card” Turn-in the “APPLICATION” panel to the Troop Advancement Chairperson and keep the “APPLICANT'S RECORD” in your 3-ring binder.
- DON'T LOSE your “Blue Cards” – save them in the plastic holders in your 3-ring binder. You cannot apply for Eagle Scout rank without submitting copies of your signed “Blue Cards”.

The image shows the front of BSA Form 34124, 'APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE'. It is divided into three main sections: 'Information for Applicant', 'Information for Counselor', and 'APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE'. The 'APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE' section contains fields for Name, Address, City, Troop 139 status, Council (North Star), and Signature of unit leader. Annotations with arrows point to these fields with the following text: 'Your name & address' (pointing to Name), 'Troop 139' (pointing to Troop 139 status), 'North Star' (pointing to Council), and 'L.A.A.C. (Los Angeles Area Council)' (pointing to Council).

KEEP THE CENTER PANEL FOR YOUR RECORDS

The image shows the back of BSA Form 34124, divided into three columns: 'APPLICANT'S RECORD', 'COUNSELOR'S RECORD', and 'COUNSELOR'S RECORD'. The 'APPLICANT'S RECORD' column has fields for Name of counselor, Address of counselor, City, Telephone number of counselor, Signature of counselor, Date, and Certificate and badge presented. The 'COUNSELOR'S RECORD' column has fields for Name, Address, City, Troop 139 status, Unit number, Post, Merit badge, Signature of counselor, Signature of unit leader, and Remarks. Annotations with arrows point to these fields with the following text: 'Your name' (pointing to Name in Counselor's Record), 'Troop 139' (pointing to Troop 139 status in Counselor's Record), and 'Name of the Merit Badge' (pointing to Merit badge in Counselor's Record).