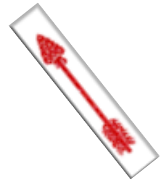


# MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

## For Order of the Arrow membership



### Youth Membership Qualifications:

- Hold the **First Class rank**, as a minimum.
- After registering with a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team, have experienced **15 days and nights** of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period immediately prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of **SIX** consecutive days and **FIVE** nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
- Be a **registered** member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- **Be under the age of 21.**
- Have the approval of the Unit Leader. Approval is based upon the youth's *Scouting Spirit*, adherence to the *Scout Oath and Law*, and *Participation* in unit activities.

The absence of any one or more of these qualifications means a youth is ineligible for nomination.

### Scouts with Disabilities

The Order of the Arrow recognizes Scouting for youth with disabilities, and elections should be held in these units. Any Arrowman with disabilities who is classified as a youth member of the unit shall be considered a youth (voting) member of the Order of the Arrow regardless of age. Scouts with disabilities must meet all other membership requirements.

### Adult Membership Qualifications:

- A unit must have conducted an election for youth, resulting in the election of at least **one youth** candidate.
- **ONE ADULT** per 50 registered youth of a unit, or fraction thereof, may be recommended each year.
- All adult candidates must be **over 21** years of age.
- All adult candidates must be **registered** in the Boy Scouts of America.
- The camping requirements set for youth are fulfilled.
- The **Unit Adult Candidate Recommendation** form must be completed, signed, and **attached to the Youth Unit Election Report at the time of the unit election. An adult cannot be processed without this Recommendation form.** This form is available from the council's website at [www.alamoarea-boyscouts.org/forms/pdf/OA\\_Adult\\_Election\\_Form.pdf](http://www.alamoarea-boyscouts.org/forms/pdf/OA_Adult_Election_Form.pdf)

Selection of the adult is based upon ability to perform the requisite functions, and **not for recognition of service**, including current or prior achievement and position. The Unit Recommendation must have two signatures unless the unit leader or committee chairman is one of those recommended.

The individual will be an asset to the Order due to demonstrated skills & abilities, which fulfill the purpose of the Order.

The adult leader's membership will provide a positive role model for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

Adult leaders in Council & District positions must fulfill all requirements set forth for adults in units with the exception of the camping requirement, which may be waived at the discretion of the Lodge Adviser and the Scout Executive.

Adult members are approved by a selection committee consisting of the Lodge Adviser, the Staff Adviser and the Committee Chairman of the council committee on which the Lodge Adviser serves. Final approval comes from the Scout Executive.

Because the Order of the Arrow is principally a youth organization, unit, district, and council Scouters are NOT recommended for membership as recognition. Recommendation into the Order should take place only when the adult's job in Boy Scouting or Varsity Scouting will make the Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership.