

# UNIT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Scoutmaster must certify that the nominee:

- Has Scouting Spirit
- Adheres to the Scout Oath and Law
- Meets all the following specified requirements at the time of election
  1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America as a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout
  2. Be under the age of 21
  3. Holds the rank of at least a First Class Scout.
  4. Has experienced 15 days and nights of camping under the auspices and standards of the BSA within two years immediately prior to the election
    - one long term camping experience defined as 6 consecutive days and nights of camping
    - the remainder met through short term camping
- The unit leader has to approve and certify the eligibility of each nominee. A nominee cannot be dropped from the eligibility list once the election has started. The election team will ask the Scoutmaster to review the Youth Candidate Election Report form's listed nominees for correctness. Nominees who moved to another unit or discontinued Scouting should be crossed out on the form.
- Nominees do not have to be present in order to be elected.

## ELECTION PROCEDURE

- 50% of the active, registered youth in the unit must be present to conduct the election.
- At least two members and one adult member of the Apanuc or Lodge will conduct the election.
- The election team will explain the following to the unit:
  1. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow
  2. The basis upon which nominees were selected
  3. The election rules
- The unit leader may explain these three points if an Arrowman, otherwise a youth election team member will explain these points.
- THE RULES
  - Determine which of the nominees you believe set the best examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.
  - Vote for all of the nominees that you believe will live up to these examples in unselfish service to your unit. It's okay to vote for all of the nominees.
  - Return an empty ballot if you believe that none of the nominees are worthy of this honor.
  - If you are a new member in the unit and do not know any of the nominees well enough to vote wisely, you may abstain by not turning in a ballot at all; this will not affect the final result.
  - You may vote for yourself.
  - Each nominee must obtain at least 50% of the votes to be nominated. In the case of an odd number of ballots such as 15, round up to the next number, in this case the nominee must be listed on 8 ballots to be elected.
  - The election is finished if anyone was elected. In the event that no one was elected from the first ballot, the election team will ask the unit to vote just once more.