

Northern Star Council, BSA University of Scouting Degree Program

The Degree Program as offered by the Northern Star Council through the University of Scouting training program is designed to provide recognition for those volunteers who advance the Aims and Purposes of Scouting through basic and supplemental training and to provide them with the knowledge needed to deliver quality programs to the youth we serve.

Recognition through the Degree program is based three areas; classroom or credit hours, position specific training and service to Scouting through personal involvement in training opportunities.

One (1) credit hour is earned or granted for each hour of classroom learning sponsored by the University of Scouting or Cub Scout Pow Wow. Two (2) credit hours are granted for each hour of service while instructing or leading classroom sessions at a University/Pow Wow event. Twelve (12) credit hours are earned by serving on the staff of a University of Scouting, Cub Scout Pow Wow or Wood Badge Training.

The advanced degrees or recognitions include a requirement to be properly trained for the position held in Scouting by the candidate.

Requirements

Requirements for the non-accredited degrees and certificates in the College of Cub Scouting, College of Boy Scouting, General College, or College of Venturing are as follows:

BACHELOR DEGREE (One Semester):

The Bachelor Degree is considered an initial recognition of basic and supplemental training. This degree is granted with the completion of six (6) credit hours of training (one complete day at a University of Scouting or Pow Wow.) These credit hours can be earned as a student and/or as an instructor as described above.

The credits may be earned from any one or more of the Colleges within the University/Pow Wow.

As basic new leader training is offered through the University, there is no requirement that a candidate be trained for their position to be recognized with the Bachelor Degree.

MASTER DEGREE (Two Semesters):

The Masters Degree is considered a continuation of the basic or initial training programs. It is designed to recognize those candidates who have gone above the basic required training. This degree is granted upon the completion of six (6) credit hours after obtaining a Bachelors Degree (a total of 12 credit hours). Participation in at least two University/Pow Wow events is required., These credit hours can be earned as a student and/or as an instructor.

The candidate is expected to have completed *New Leader Essentials* and *Leader Specific* training for their currently registered Scouting position. They are also expected to be up-to-date with Youth Protection Training. The granting of the Master's Degree is not contingent upon a review of the candidate's position specific training records as maintained by the Council.

The credits may be earned from any one or more of the Colleges within the University/Pow Wow.

DOCTOR DEGREE (Four Semesters):

The Doctor Degree is the first advanced training/recognition degree offered through the University of Scouting. As an advanced degree, requirements include elements that extend beyond participation in a classroom. The Doctor of Scouting Degree is conferred upon a candidate who has:

1. Completed at least twelve (12) credit hours (either as a student and/or instructor) after obtaining a Masters Degree, a total of at least twenty four (24) credit hours.
2. Provide evidence (verified with Council records) of the successful completion of *New Leader Essentials* and *Leader Specific* training for their currently registered Scouting position.
3. Provide evidence (verified with Council records) of being current with Youth Protection Training.
4. Successfully completed Wood Badge Training (earned their beads).
5. Served Scouting by advancing the training of other volunteers/leaders by completion of at least two of the following:
 - A. Serving on a District or Council regional training committee for at least one (1) year after having completed the Masters Degree requirements.
 - B. Serving in a District, Council regional, or Council training event, either as an instructor or as support staff member for at least two (2) events after having completed the Masters Degree requirements.
 - C. Serving on at least one (1) Northern Star Council University of Scouting/Cub Scout Pow Wow staff.
 - D. Serving as an instructor for at least one (1) Northern Star Council University of Scouting/Cub Scout Pow Wow.
 - E. Serving on the staff of a Wood Badge training program

6. Maintained an active status on the Council's records as a currently registered volunteer.
7. Submitted documentation of completed Doctor Degree requirements to the University of Scouting committee as representatives of the Council Training Committee for their review and approval.

FELLOW OF SCOUTING DEGREE:

The Fellow of Scouting Degree and recognition is designed to be awarded to select volunteer candidates who have completed and received their Doctor Degree from the Northern Star Council University of Scouting or from some other Council's similar supplemental training program. In order to earn this degree, the candidate must:

1. Undertake and complete a special project at the request or approval of a Northern Star Council professional.
2. Have the project pre-approved by the University of Scouting Committee.
3. Be listed on the Council's records as a currently registered volunteer and be current in training for their present Scouting position.
4. Have the successful completion of the project documented and provide a letter of recommendation for this recognition be given to the University of Scouting Committee from the Council professional who requested or approved the project.

The University of Scouting Committee will ask for a Resolution of Recognition from the Council Training Committee for the granting of this Degree and recognition.

CERTIFICATE OF POST GRADUATE STUDIES:

A Certificate of Post Graduate Studies will be awarded to holders of Master, Doctor or Fellow Degrees who continue in their training or skill sharing with at least four (4) additional credit hours earned at a University of Scouting/Cub Scout Pow Wow event. This Certificate may be earned as often as the participant desires.

PLEASE NOTE:

The University of Scouting Committee operates under authority of the Council Training Committee and the Council's Training and Advancement Director.

The Northern Star Council University recognizes and will transfer credits from similar Colleges and Universities of other Councils.



NORTHERN STAR COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Doctoral Degree Recognition Application

This is an application for the Doctoral Degree Recognition offered by Northern Star Council's University of Scouting (U of S) program. The Doctoral Degree is the first **advanced** training/recognition degree and may be earned only after completion of the Master Degree recognition. As an advanced degree, requirements include elements that extend beyond participation in a classroom. There are seven (7) requirements that need to be completed and verified for this recognition award:

Applicant's Name: _____

Street: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Preferred Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

District: _____ **Current Scouting Position:** _____

- 1). **Complete at least twelve (12) credit hours (either as a student and/or instructor) through the University of Scouting after obtaining a Masters Degree (24 hours total):**

_____ credit hours earned at the spring/fall (please circle) U of S in _____ (year)

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- 2). **Provide evidence of the successful completion of New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific training for your current registered Scouting position. (Verified with Council records)**

_____ New Leader Essentials completed ____/____/_____

_____ Leader Specific training completed ____/____/_____

Current position(s) in Scouting: _____

- 3). **Provide evidence (verified with Council records) of being current with Youth Protection Training.**

_____ Youth Protection Training completed ____/____/_____

- 4). _____ **Successful completion of Wood Badge Training. Course #** _____

5). Serve Scouting by advancing the training of other volunteers/leaders by completion of at least two (2) of the following:

_____ Serve on a District or Council regional training committee for at least one (1) year after having completed the Masters Degree requirements.

District/regional Served _____

_____ Serve in a District, Council regional, or Council training event, either as an instructor or as support staff member for at least two (2) events after having completed the Masters Degree requirements.

Event #1 _____ Date ____/____/____

Event #2 _____ Date ____/____/____

_____ Serve on at least one (1) Northern Star Council University of Scouting/Cub Scout Pow Wow staff.

Event _____ Date ____/____/____

_____ Serve as an instructor for at least one (1) Northern Star Council University of Scouting/Cub Scout Pow Wow.

Event _____ Date ____/____/____

_____ Serve on the staff of a Wood Badge training program.

Course # _____ Date ____/____/____

6). _____ Maintain an active status on the Council's records as a currently registered volunteer (verified with the Council office).

7). _____ Submit documentation of completed Doctor Degree requirements to the University of Scouting committee as representatives of the Council Training Committee for their review and approval.

Applicant's Certification: I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, I have completed all of the requirements for the University of Scouting Doctoral Degree recognition program. I will use the information I have gained through continued training to advance the Scouting program in my unit, my district and my council.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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_____ Approved by the University of Scouting Committee Date ____/____/____

_____ Approved by the Council Training Committee Date ____/____/____

_____ Recognition Items Presented Date ____/____/____