

# Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge:

**This Merit Badge is Eagle Required**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Starting This Merit Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How to Contact Your Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to the Scout and Merit Badge Counselor:**  
**This set of worksheets is meant to facilitate earning this merit badge, but under no circumstances is it meant to be used in lieu of the appropriate BSA merit badge book.**

1. Describe your community to your counselor giving:

a. Short history

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b. Cultures and ethnic groups

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c. Major places of employment. What is the future of your community?

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2. Mark or point out on a map of your community the following:

- a. Chief government buildings.
- b. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home.
- c. Schools, churches, and synagogues near your home.
- d. Main highways to neighbouring cities and towns.
- e. Nearest railroads and bus stations and airport, if any.
- f. Chief industries or other major places of employment
- g. Historical and other interesting points.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do the following:

a. Chart the organization of your local or state government. Show the top offices and tell which are elected or appointed.

b. Name the political parties in your community government and list four persons active in the politics of your community and what positions they hold.

4. Attend ONE:

- a. County or parish board meeting
- b. City council meeting
- c. School board meeting
- d. Municipal, county, or state court session.

Meeting/session attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Date attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

5. After visiting the governmental meeting, obtain a copy of that body's published budget. Review the major sources of income and expenses for its operation with your counselor.

Date budget reviewed with counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

6. List the services your community provides to the citizens in return for the taxes paid by you and your parents.

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7. Select a city, county, or school problem or issue under consideration from the local newspaper or news broadcast and write a letter expressing your views to the mayor, administrator, or school board president. Show this letter and any response to your counselor.

Problem or issue chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

Letter written to (attach copy): \_\_\_\_\_

8. List and describe the work of five volunteer organizations through which people in your community work together for the good of your community.

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9. Tell how to report an accident or an emergency in your community.

Date met with counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

10. List five ways you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, religious institution, school, or Scouting unit.

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**In completing all requirements for this merit badge, I have completely read the appropriate BSA merit badge book, and discussed same with my counselor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**signed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**date**

(Source: Courtesy USSSP Merit Badge Requirements, current as of the MB date on this document)