



TO: Unit Committee Chairs
FROM: Chris Harris, Lodge Adviser
SUBJECT: Adult Candidate Selection

You are receiving this information because your unit has successfully elected at least one scout into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. As a result of this election, your unit committee is eligible to nominate adults for membership in the Order. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may also nominate the currently serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous 12 months. I would like to take a moment to clarify what "selection" means for adults.

The OA is principally a youth organization. The officers of the lodge and its constituent chapters are all youth members under the age of twenty-one. Adults in the Order serve as Advisers to those youth members. For this reason, adult membership is not based upon recognition, but rather, ***it is contingent upon the adult's ability to support the youth program*** in the Order. For an adult to be approved for induction into the order, the following criteria must be met:

- ❑ Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- ❑ The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
- ❑ The adults to be nominated have met or exceeded the camping requirements set forth for youth members.
- ❑ The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

In order to determine if all of these criteria apply, we request that you complete the attached Adult Candidate Recommendation Form and submit it to the Lodge Adult Selection Committee no later than April 15. Nominations received after this date will not be considered for this calendar year.

Adult Candidates should not register until they have been approved by the Lodge. Any nominations not approved will be returned to you with an explanation of the committee's findings.

Please scan and email completed Adult Nomination forms to elections@natsihi.org

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society
Yours in Brotherhood,

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