

## Scholarship Merit Badge

- **The following notes in red are information that should be provided to the scouts, so they know how to prepare for the class.**

### **Requirements:**

1. Do ONE of the following:
  - (a) Show that your school grades have been an average of B or higher (80 percent or higher) for one term or semester.
  - (b) Show that for one term or semester, you have improved your school grades over the previous period.

*9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Attendees will need to bring a copy of their current transcript showing their cumulative grades as of the end of Semester 1, of this school year. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Attendees may bring a transcript or copies of their 2022-2023 final grade card and Semester 1 grade card for this school year. These documents can be requested from your school counselor or front office.*
2.
  - (a) Make a list of educational places located where you live (other than schools). Visit one, and report on how you used the place for self-education.
  - (b) With your counselor's and your parent's approval, interview two professionals (other than teachers or other professionals at your school) with established careers. Find out where they were educated, what training they received, and how their education and training have helped prepare them for the career they have chosen. Find out how they continue to educate themselves. Discuss what you find out with your counselor.
  - (d) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different methods of research available to you for school assignments, such as the library, books and periodicals, and the internet.
3. Get a note from the principal\* of your school (or another school official named by the principal) that states that during the past year your behavior, leadership, and service have been satisfactory. *Attendees will need to bring this documentation to the event.*
4. Do ONE of the following: *Attendees may choose between (a) & (b)*
  - (a) Show that you have taken part in an extracurricular school activity, and discuss with your counselor the benefits of participation and what you learned about the importance of teamwork. *Proof will need to be provided (i.e. note from sponsor or coach, event program).*
  - (b) Discuss your participation in a school project during the past semester where you were a part of a team. Tell about the positive contributions you made to the team and the project.
5. Do ONE of the following:
  - (a) Write a report of 250 to 300 words about how the education you receive in school will be of value to you in the future and how you will continue to educate yourself in the future.
  - (b) Write a report of 250 to 300 words about two careers that interest you and how specific classes and good scholarship, in general, will help you achieve your career goals.

*Suggested websites: [www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org), <https://portal.missouriconnections.org/>*

*Attendees will need to bring a printed copy to the event or have their parent/scout leader email it to [slrupert6281@gmail.com](mailto:slrupert6281@gmail.com) by Saturday, March 2, 2024.*