



Youth Membership Assistance Application

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The Ozark Trails Council recognizes that some of our youth members cannot pay the full cost of being a member of BSA. To meet this need, a limited financial assistance fund was developed to offset the cost of registration, uniforms, and special district or council level activities.

*After a youth's family, Scouting unit, and/or Chartered Partner contribute to the overall cost, youth members who apply and are approved for assistance only pay a percentage of BSA membership fees.
Assistance money is not transferable between Scouts.*

***Please contact your child's unit leader for a youth application
if you have not filled out one already for your child's membership.***

Youth Membership & Activity Assistance Application Instructions

PLEASE READ the following to avoid delays in processing a Scout family's need for financial assistance.

1. Confidential financial questions and circumstances must be answered by the family for full and fair financial consideration of need. The Council does not require the details of a financial situation, but there must be a statement more than "low income" or blank. Acceptable Example 1: Single parent, three children, high medical bills. Example 2: Working parent unemployed, three months.
2. The full amount of need requested paid by the Ozark Trails Council, combined with the contribution provided by the Chartered Partner, unit, or parent, must be on the form.
3. The unit leader must sign the assistance form to indicate unit committee approval of the fees being paid/requested.
4. Parents: Please provide completed assistance form to your Scout's unit leader who will ensure form completion and signatures.
5. Unit leaders: NEW membership assistance requests must be accompanied by a BSA youth application in addition to the assistance form.
6. Unit leaders: Please provide instructions for paying any amount not covered by assistance. Example: Pay difference from unit account.

Please check online for the most current pricing for membership and uniform costs.

Assistance will be calculated using the most current fees. Uniform pricing: <https://www.scoutshop.org/>

Youth Scouting Fees Effective August 1, 2023	
All Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting Participants	\$80.00*
Youth Exploring Participants	\$50.00
New Member Fee	\$25.00
*Fees are no longer prorated	

Rank	Uniform Cost	Book Cost
Lion Shirt	\$14.99	\$12.99
Tiger/Wolf/Bear	\$32.99	\$23.99
Webelo	\$39.99	\$24.99
Scouts BSA	\$39.99	\$24.99

*prices subject to change

***Unit Leaders: Prefilling your unit information on the form for new parents is helpful.
Please provide the Scout's unit type, unit number, district and rank to parents filling out this form.***

District Name

Mo-Kan (Pittsburg, KS area)
Nih-Ka-Ga-Hah (Joplin area)
River Trails (Rolla area)
Frontier (Bolivar area)

District Abbreviation

MK
NI
RT
FT

District Name

Blazing Trails (Branson area)
Osage Hills (West Plains area)
Pathfinder (Springfield area)

District Abbreviation

BT
OH
PF



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DATE: _____ PACK/TROOP/CREW #: _____ DISTRICT: BT FT NI PF MK FT OH RT

Scout's First Name: _____ Scout's Last Name: _____ Scout's Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian First Name: _____	Parent/Guardian Last Name: _____	Relationship to Applicant _____	UNIFORM SHIRT SIZE Extra SM SM MED LG XL 2XL
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Do you qualify for the free or reduced lunch program? YES or NO

Family Annual Income:

() under \$10,000 () \$10,000 - \$15,000 () \$16,000 - \$20,000 () \$21,000 - \$25,000 () \$26,000 - \$30,000 () \$31,000 - \$40,000

If over \$45,000, list amount: _____

Has Scout applicant participated in a money-earning project such as Popcorn Sales? YES or NO

If NO, Why not? _____

Does your unit participate in popcorn sales? YES or NO

If NO, Why not? _____

Does your unit participate in Family Friends of Scouting? YES or NO

Please state the circumstances which require financial assistance. (Instructions on back)

TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUEST SUMMARY to be completed by the unit

Total Breakdown of Financial Aid (n/a if not applicable)	Scout Membership Cost	\$ _____	This financial request must be filled out by the unit and discussed with the unit committee. Unit Leader Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
	Uniform Cost (\$35 MAXIMUM)	\$ _____	
	Book Cost	\$ _____	
Total Unit and Charter Partner Contribution toward fees above:		\$ _____	
Total Family Contribution toward cost above:		\$ _____	
TOTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS REQUESTED OF COUNCIL from costs above		\$ _____	

FOR COUNCIL USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: _____ RECEIVED BY: _____

SCOUT EXECUTIVE APPROVAL SIGNATURE: _____ AMT APPROVED \$ _____

DATE APPROVED: _____