



# CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

## Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Describe your community to your counselor giving:
  - A) A short history
  - B) Cultures and ethnic groups
  - C) Major places of employment
  - D) What is the future of your community?
  
- 2) Mark or point out on a map of your community the following:
  - A) Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works services facility
  - B) Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
  - C) Schools, churches, and synagogues near your home
  - D) Main highways to neighboring 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
  
- 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 of the following:
  - A) County or parish board meeting
  - B) City council meeting
  - C) School board meeting
  - D) Municipal, county, or state court session
  
- 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.
  
- 6) List the services your community provides to the citizens in return for the taxes paid by you and your parents
  
- 7) Select a city, a 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.
  
- 8) List and describe the work of five volunteer organizations through which people in your community work together for the good of your community.
  
- 9) Tell how to report an accident or an emergency in your community
  
- 10) List five ways you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, religious institution, school, or Scouting unit.

Give a short history of your community: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe some of the cultures and ethnic groups in your community: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe some major places of employment in your community: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tell what you believe the future of your community is: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Requirement 2

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

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|--|-------------------------|---|
| _____ City Hall                                    | _____ County Courthouse | _____ Public Works Facility                                 |
| _____ Fire Station                                 | _____ Police Station    | _____ Hospital closest to your home                         |
| _____ Schools                                      | _____ Churches          | _____ Synagogues  |
| _____ Main Highway to neighboring cities and towns |                         | _____ Nearest Railroads                                     |
| _____ Bus Stations                                 | _____ Airport (if any)  | _____ Chief industries and other major places of employment |
| _____ Historical and other interesting points      |                         |   |

*\*\*Make a copy of your community map and attach it to this worksheet\*\**

## Requirement 3

In the box below, chart the organization of your local or state government.

Which are the top offices? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which are elected? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which are appointed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What political parties are in your community government: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List four people who are active in the politics of your community and the positions they hold:

Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirement 4**

Attend ONE of the following. Circle the one you attended.



The problem/issue I found was: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I wrote my letter to: \_\_\_\_\_

I showed the letter to my counselor: Yes No

Did you get a letter or any type of response back from your letter: Yes No

Attach a copy of your letter to this worksheet.

### **Requirement 8**

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of what they do for the community: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Description of what they do for the community: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirement 9**

Tell how to report an accident or an emergency in your community: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirement 10**

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

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

What can you do to demonstrate good citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

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Place: \_\_\_\_\_

What can you do to demonstrate good citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

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Place: \_\_\_\_\_

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Place: \_\_\_\_\_

What can you do to demonstrate good citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

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