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TO: Post Commanders, Sponsoring Boy Scouts of America Troops  
FROM: Steve Van Buskirk, Director, VFW Programs  
SUBJECT: 2010/2011 Wood Badge Scholarship Program

Enclosed you will find information on the 2010/2011 Wood Badge Scholarship program, designed especially for VFW members who participate in scouting.

Three National scholarships will be provided for each of the four Scout Regions. The scholarship provides the course fee up to \$150.00 for the seven to eight day training program. The recipient must provide transportation to and from the course training location.

Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – a single, more contemporary training program for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, Council, District leaders and professionals – replaces both the Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge and Cub Scout Trainer Wood Badge programs.

This course offers more emphasis on leadership and “people” skills, less focus on Scout craft or Cub Scout training skills. Skills developed from the new Wood Badge training will help a volunteer leader do a better job in any BSA program at any level of involvement.

The application should be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon and must be postmarked no later than April 1 to: Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters, Attn: Steve Van Buskirk, Director, VFW Programs, Suite 902, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

Qualified current members of your Post, who are active in Scouting, should be encouraged to apply for the Wood Badge Training scholarship. If additional applications are needed, contact this office.

We believe these VFW scouting scholarships will strengthen our partnership with BSA and help our continuing effort to bring scouting to more boys. The VFW and BSA are longtime partners in patriotism and our continued cooperation can only produce citizens who will share our concern and love of this great nation.

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Enclosure

cc: Department Commander  
Department Adjutant  
Department Youth Activities Chairman  
Director, Boy Scouts of America  
National Youth, Education & Community Service Committee  
National Team of VFW Scouters

**SCOUTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Number of years Scouting experience: Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting positions held: Current \_\_\_\_\_

Past \_\_\_\_\_

Training experiences and awards received \_\_\_\_\_

*If awarded this Wood Badge scholarship, I will furnish my own transportation and participate in the Wood Badge experience indicated on this application and further agree to aid my council with its leadership training program through instruction and coaching of others upon my return from the Wood Badge course.*

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

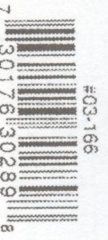
**FOR LOCAL COUNCIL USE ONLY**

**(Must be completed and signed by Scout Executive.)**

*Statement by local council stating why this application should be considered for scholarship and that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the prerequisites for the course selected.*

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Scout Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**VFW**

**WOOD BADGE**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**PROGRAM**

**BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA**





### RATIONALE

The VFW has entered into a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America to encourage Posts to organize Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, Sea Scouts, and Venturing crews. To further this effort, the VFW National Headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities. Members-at-large and retirees can qualify by being sponsored by the nearest VFW Post in their area.

### GUIDELINES

1. Wood Badge for the 21st Century - a single, more contemporary training program for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, council, district leaders and professionals - replaces both the Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge and Cub Scout Trainer Wood Badge programs.

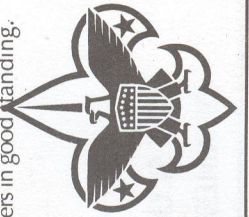
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2. There shall be awarded annually three scholarships for each BSA region for a total of 12.

3. Scholarships will cover tuition fee only. The recipient must furnish transportation to and from Wood Badge course locations.

4. Applicants must satisfy all Wood Badge course prerequisites.

5. Applicants must be VFW members in good standing.



## VFW WOOD BADGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete this application and secure official approvals and authorization from the VFW Post Commander and the local council Scout executive, obtain the dates and location of Wood Badge courses and enter days and location of course selected.

### RETURN TO:

Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters  
Attn: Steve Van Buskirk, VFW Programs, Suite 902  
406 W. 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Postmarked by: No later than April 1.

I wish to be considered for a scholarship to attend the following Wood Badge training:

Name of course \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_ BSA region \_\_\_\_\_

### CANDIDATE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Membership in other organizations \_\_\_\_\_

### VFW INFORMATION

\*Current member of VFW Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Offices held \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Post Commander Certification \_\_\_\_\_ (COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

\*VFW members in good standing only can apply. (PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE VFW POST NUMBER.)