

# ADULT CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION from a District or Council Committee

## Step 1: Candidate Information

**District Council**      *Committee:* \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT Full Name (Last, First Middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month-day-year)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please give a name and phone number so we may notify someone of the results or if questions arise:

## Step 2: Mandatory Qualifications

Is candidate over 21 years of age and a registered active member of the above committee? **Yes** **No**  
Is this recommendation being given SOLELY as a honor or recognition of service? (Yes automatically disqualifies) **Yes** **No**  
If not, what are this candidate's demonstrated skills & abilities which will help fulfill the Order's purpose?

**MUST COMPLETE**

How will this candidate's election make OA membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership?

**MUST COMPLETE**

Within the preceeding 24 months, has this candidate participated in a minimum of 15 days and NIGHTS of camping (all must be under the auspices and standards of the BSA) and MUST include 6 CONSECUTIVE days and nights of long-term camping (such as summer camp)? (This requirement is mandatory, please list date & location of LTC) **Yes** **No**

Why will this candidate's election provide a positive role model for the growth & development of the youth?

**MUST COMPLETE**

## Step 3: District/Council Committee Recommendation

We certify that this recommendation is being made on the candidate's ability to perform the requisite functions as an asset to the Order (and is not being given as an honor or recognition of service) and that all mandatory requirements are met.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Staff Adviser

## Step 4: Unit Election Team Certification

Not required for District and Council recommendations. Please do not submit a recommendation on an individual who is not an active participant in your committee in order to circumvent the one adult per year rule imposed on Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Teams.

## Step 5: Adult Selection Committee Action

The committee  Approves  Disapproves of this candidate for election into the Order of the Arrow.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Committee Action

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Adviser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camp Committee Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Staff Adviser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received by Committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Notified

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Ordeal

**Grand Monadnock Lodge Order of the Arrow Nashua Valley Council BSA** **ADULT CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION** for Unit Election into the Order of the Arrow

**Step 1: Candidate Information**

[Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Teams Only]

**Troop Team Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/Town:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nickname:** \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT Full Name (Last, First Middle)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/Town:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position In Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(month-day-year)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please give a name and phone number so we may notify someone of the results or if questions arise:

**Step 2: Mandatory Qualifications**

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Is candidate over 21 years of age and a registered active member of the above unit? **Yes** **No**  
 Is this recommendation being given SOLELY as a honor or recognition of service? (Yes automatically disqualifies) **Yes** **No**  
 If not, what are this candidate's demonstrated skills & abilities which will help fulfill the Order's purpose?

**MUST COMPLETE**

How will this candidate's election make OA membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership?

**MUST COMPLETE**

Within the preceeding 24 months, has this candidate participated in a minimum of 15 days and NIGHTS of camping (all must be under the auspices and standards of the BSA) and MUST include 6 CONSECUTIVE days and nights of long-term camping (such as summer camp)? List date and location of qualifying long-term camping experience: **Yes** **No**

Why will this candidate's election provide a positive role model for the growth & development of the youth?

**MUST COMPLETE**

**Step 3: Unit Recommendation** [Only one recommendation may be submitted by each unit per year]

We certify that this recommendation is being made on the candidate's ability to perform the requisite functions as an asset to the Order (and is not being given as an honor or recognition of service) and that all mandatory requirements are met.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Recommendation      \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Leader or Committee Chairperson      \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member

**Step 4: Unit Election Team Certification**

This form may only be forwarded to the Adult Selection Committee providing that the unit's Youth Election was successful in selecting at least one youth candidate and was held by an official representative of the cognizant Vice-Chief.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Youth Unit Election      \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of the Representative Officiating the Youth Election      \_\_\_\_\_ Name of One Youth Candidate Elected

**Step 5: Adult Selection Committee Action**

The committee Approves Disapproves of this candidate for election into the Order of the Arrow.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Committee Action      \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Adviser      \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Committee Chairman  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Staff Adviser      \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received by Committee      \_\_\_\_\_ Date Notified      \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Ordeal

## Instructions for completing this form:

### Step 1:

Please complete all personal information. If this nomination is to be kept secret, then you must tell us whom to call or otherwise notify. *If this line is left blank*, then we will call the candidate directly and notify them once the committee has made their decision.

### Step 2:

The candidate **MUST** be over 21, if not then it will be automatically rejected. (Circle Yes) Also, this nomination **MUST NOT** be given solely as an honor or recognition, if you circle Yes here then it will be rejected! Please pay attention to this part. (Circle No) You will also need to give us REASONS why we should allow this person into the OA. Just because he or she works well with youth or has been with the troop forever is not enough reason. National has gotten much stricter about adult inductions into the OA. So, please, tell us what benefit this person can be to the OA [what kind of jobs can we give this person that will help fulfill the purposes of the Order]. Please answer all of the questions, by leaving questions blank you are telling the committee that *you* do not feel that this person is qualified! Camping requirements, including the full 6 days/nights of consecutive camping, must be met by all candidates. Also, the camping must be as a Boy Scout, so camping as a Cub Scout, an Explorer, or with the family don't count. Nor do training conferences that are not strictly Boy Scout oriented. Wanocksett and Collier do, so does Philmont. CS Woodbadge does not.

### Step 3:

This action should be due to a formal vote on the part of the committee. The chair-person of the committee should sign this form if at all possible. Council and district committees may submit names only if the person is primarily registered at the council or district level. Those primarily registered with units must be submitted by their unit. If the person is primarily registered in an Explorer post but is part of a council or district committee then the committee may submit the name (since they cannot be submitted by the Post).

### Step 4:

Units may only submit an adult if, and only if, a youth has been duly elected. Please have the official representative (usually the Lodge Vice Chief or his designee) sign the form once the youth election has been completed. If this is not signed, then the committee must wait to take action until the youth form has come back from the Lodge Secretary. Elections are only valid between January 1 and May 15.

### Step 5:

The Adult Election Committee will review the information on the obverse of this form and make a decision based primarily upon the information you have supplied. In general, we do not know the individual nominated, so the more helpful you are, the better their chances are! We generally meet on the last Monday of each month, so please plan ahead if you need to get a name in for the spring camporee or summer camp. We will try to accommodate all requests but please be aware that we have up to 75 nominations per year to process.

Mail the completed recommendation to:

Branden Morris, Lodge Adviser  
519 Wellman Avenue  
North Chelmsford, MA 01863  
978-455-9158

The 'Call-Out' (or 'Tap-Out') ceremony is not required but is strongly encouraged. Once elected, the candidate must participate in an Ordeal within 12 months of their Call-Out otherwise their name must be re-submitted. (Usually we allow the candidate until the Spring ordeal of the following year, closer to 14 months.)

The Lodge typically does not mail anything to the candidate (youth and adult) prior to an Ordeal weekend. Please consult the council calendar for the dates (usually mid June and late September). The cost is approximately \$30 and covers food, sash, patch, handbook, and other weekend expenses. The candidate will need to bring work clothes, full field uniform, sleeping bag, ground cloth, and any personal items. We generally meet at Camp Wanocksett on Friday around 7pm but work at all camps as requested by their respective rangers. The Ordeal portion of the weekend is over around 10pm on Saturday however the Lodge Business meeting on Sunday usually runs until 11am. Following the meeting, Lodge paraphernalia is available for sale.

The Grand Monadnock Lodge is intended to be a YOUTH run organization and as such it is prone to mistakes. As adults in the council we must be understanding of this fact. All of the decision makers of the Lodge are under the age of 21 and in general run a very successful program (ask anyone about the Section Conclaves!) As unit leaders we can encourage our members to stay active in the Lodge and they will stay longer working with us at the unit level. New adults in the Lodge need to be able to work within this framework.