



Scouting America™

Mount Baker Council

OPPORTUNITY FUND MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROCESS & WORKSHEET

Through generous grants and contributions, the Mount Baker Council, Scouting America can offer assistance to qualified registered members so they may fully participate in the Scouting program.

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Opportunity Fund (Opp Fund) Membership Assistance Application Process & Worksheet

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To be eligible, the applying Scouting member must meet the following guidelines to qualify for financial assistance for Scouting America Membership and Council Activity Fees. Application for assistance (if needed) has to be submitted annually.

- Currently registered within the Mount Baker Council prior to completing an application.

OR

- Completing a new member registration with the Mount Baker Council either by submitting a paper Scouting America application to the Council Service Center or registering online through BeAScout.org.
 - *Note: Online membership registration through BeAScout.org requires payment in full. If approved for assistance, refunds from Opp Fund grants will be deposited into the unit's account at the Service Center. Unit Leadership will need to follow-up with reimbursement to the family from those deposits.*

In keeping with the philosophy of “earn your own way,” each Scouting member should help fund a portion of the fee annually. The council also reserves the right to consider the unit's and applicant's participation in council-administered fundraising programs as demonstrating a concerted effort to raise these funds. The family and unit are expected to contribute to the cost of the Scouting experience. Scouting America Membership and Council Activity financial assistance is awarded based primarily on need. The more information provided about the applicant's particular need, the better.

The Opportunity Fund Membership Assistance application is available online via the Mount Baker Council website. Applicants may qualify for **up to 90%** of National BSA registration fees and up to 90% of the Council Activity Fee, and uniform parts, handbook, and Scout Life magazine. Unit dues are not covered by Opportunity Fund Membership Assistance awards. Access the form at <https://247scouting.com/forms/606-MBCOppFundMembership> **AFTER** completing pages 3 and 4 of this worksheet.

1. Apply online separately for each Scouting member needing assistance. All information requested on this WORKSHEET is needed when applying online.
2. Assistance will be considered based on need and the applicant/unit support of the mission of the Mount Baker Council including participation in Council fundraising.
3. All Opportunity Fund Membership Assistance applications submitted will be considered based on the financial need of the Scout in relation to the other applications received and available funds.
4. Your request will be reviewed by council personnel. Opportunity Fund awards and information will be kept confidential.
5. After review, the applicant's family and Unit Leadership will be notified by email of the details of any award.
6. The Membership Assistance award is to a specific individual and is not transferable to anyone else.
7. Completeness of the information when applying online will help determine membership assistance allocations.
8. There are no refunds on unused awards, uniforms, or uniform parts.

Questions? Please email susan.mccaughan@scouting.org or speak to your District Staff

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Part 1 – Member and Eligibility Information

Unit Type: _____ Unit #: _____ Council: Mount Baker Council

Applicant's Name: _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Male or Female (circle selection)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Applicant's Address: _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

New to Scouting? (Please circle): Yes / No If no, how many years has the applicant been involved? _____

If a current member, did the applicant participate in Council-sponsored unit fundraiser (Popcorn Sales and/or Hike-a-thon) this program year? (please circle): Yes / No If YES, dollar amount raised: \$_____ (A Scouting member is expected to help earn their own way.)

Eligibility Information

If you do not meet the eligibility guidelines, but you believe you have a unique situation, submit the financial application. Your application will be reviewed, and you may receive a follow-up notification for more information to help determine your eligibility status. As soon as we receive your response, your application will be further reviewed, and your eligibility determined.

Is the applicant eligible to receive free or reduced lunches through their school program? Yes / No (If yes, jump ahead to Part 2)

Is the applicant a current foster child? Yes / No (If yes, jump ahead to Part 2)

What is the total number of people in your household (children plus adults)? _____

Family's combined household annual income before taxes (including work pay, child support, alimony, pensions, Social Security, etc.):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001 - \$80,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 - \$30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,001 - \$90,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 - \$40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,001 - \$70,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000+ |

