



REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSIONING



Individuals selected and duly appointed to be commissioners and who have completed the basic training and orientation requirements for their positions, shall be Commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America through the local council. Commissions are issued for a period of one (1) year and must be renewed annually. Unless the Commission is revoked prior to one year, a commissioner's Commission shall expire concurrently with the commissioner's annual membership. The renewal of the Commission is dependent upon the approval of the appointing authority as set forth below.

The issuance of the Commission represents the formal empowerment by the Boy Scouts of America of the commissioner to perform the duties and undertake the responsibilities for the designated commissioner position and the acceptance of this obligation by the commissioner. The commissioning of the commissioner should be conducted in an appropriate setting in the presence of fellow Scouters within 60 days of initial appointment.

Requirements for Commissioning:

A. Appointment and Approval

The Scouter be duly appointed and approved (including background check) as a commissioner. The appointment and approval requirements are as follows:

1. Unit commissioners, Roundtable commissioners, and assistant district commissioners are appointed by the district commissioner with the approval of the designated professional liaison.
2. District commissioners are appointed and approved by the council executive board, with the concurrence of the scout executive, on the recommendation of the district nominating committee.
3. Assistant council commissioners are appointed by the council commissioner with the approval of the designated professional liaison.
4. A council commissioner is elected at the annual meeting of the local council after selection by the council nominating committee.

B. Training Requirements

1. Youth protection training
2. Position-specific training

C. Orientation Requirements

All commissioners shall have received prescribed orientation for their position.

D. Recognition Items

1. Commissioning certificate template available on the Awards and Recognition page of the Commissioner's website at Scouting.org.