

Nova Counselors & Supernova Mentors

The Boy Scouts of America's NOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. Our hope is that the requirements and activities for earning these awards stimulate interest in STEM-related fields and show how science, technology, engineering and mathematics apply to everyday living and the world around them. As Counselors and Mentors you can help bring this engaging, contemporary, and fun program to life for our youth members.



To qualify, you must be at least 21 years of age and be of good character.

- Nova counselors do not need to have a STEM professional background to apply.
- Supernova mentors should be recognized as having the skills/education in the award topics covered.
- Registration must be renewed annually.
- Parents may not Mentor their own children for the Supernova Award unless working with a group. Note that this restriction does not apply to Counselors for the Nova Award.
- Refer to your own Council for specific requirements.

Registering as a Nova Counselor takes three pieces of paper:

1. A complete, signed [adult application](#) (page 5, no fee; no unit CC/COR signature required). Position code 58 for Nova Counselor
2. A signed disclosure /authorization form on page 4 of the [adult application](#).
3. A printed, current certificate for Youth Protection Training. (go to myscouting.org)

Registering as a Supernova Mentor is a similar process:

1. A complete, signed [adult application](#) (no fee; no unit CC/COR signature required). Position code 52 for Supernova Mentor
2. A signed disclosure /authorization form on page 4 of the [adult application](#).
3. A printed, current certificate for Youth Protection Training. (go to myscouting.org)
4. A completed [Supernova Mentor Information form](#), indicating which awards you wish to mentor.

Note: Unless the Supernova Mentor applicant opts out, NCAC will simultaneously register the applicant as a Nova Counselor. Mentors are not required to act as Counselors but thus may do so without further action.

Turn your paperwork into your District STEM chair or Council STEM professional.

District STEM Contacts: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/program-impact/stem/>

Questions? Email supernova@ncacbsa.org