



# Registration FAQ for Families

## What is registration vs. rechartering?

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Scouts and adults register the first time they join the Boy Scouts of America and then again, every year at the end of the calendar year for the next upcoming year. Recharter is the annual process at the end of the calendar year when scouts and scouters confirm and pay for registration for the upcoming year. Recharter is typically when unit rosters and adult positions are checked and adjusted if necessary.

## What do you pay when you first register with the BSA?

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When you first register with the BSA, **you are required to pay the prorated fees (as listed below) for the rest of the calendar year.** If you register a youth online, this will be calculated automatically and paid online. If you register in person, a unit leader or council staff member can help calculate and collect the payment.

*NOTE: your Pack or Troop, if it is late in the calendar year, may opt to collect the remaining fees of the current year AND the upcoming year's fees ALL AT ONCE.*

There is a one-time fee of \$25 for a new **youth** member who has never been registered in Scouting.

## What do you pay to register with the BSA annually?

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You pay an annual fee that includes national registration and the council program fee. **Your Pack or Troop may also have their own separate annual dues.**

If your child would like to receive SCOUT LIFE magazine, the subscription is \$15 per year, paid upon registering and then resubscribed and paid each year during recharter.

*NOTE: some Packs and Troops may bundle the national, council, and unit dues into one fee.*

The annual national and council fees for youth in 2023 are \$145 (fee includes \$75 for the National BSA membership/insurance and \$70 for CCCBSA Program Fee).

Registered adults pay \$83 annually for 2023 (fee includes \$45 for the National BSA membership/insurance and \$38 for CCCBSA Program Fee).

## What do adults need to submit to register with the BSA?

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### Youth Protection Training (YPT)

All adult members (except IH/EO who are not in any other position) must have current YPT training. The Chester County Council Executive Board requires all registered adults to have YPT valid through the last day



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of the Recharter period in order to register (**resulting in YPT to be taken yearly**). Each Volunteer and Staff member must have **taken YPT in 2022** to be valid for the entire 2023 Year.

### Signed Adult Application

- New adult applications must be signed by the applicant and the pack or troop's Charter Org Rep.
- Be sure the adult applicants sign the Background Check Authorization page (CBC form).

**Unless it is during recharter, adults who are changing roles in a Pack or Troop need to fill out a NEW application which gets signed by the unit's Charter Org Rep (COR). For already registered adults, roles can be changed in my.scouting.org by the COR.**

### Current PA Mandated Background Checks

There are 3 PA clearances required (PA State Police, PA Child Abuse History, and FBI) and each is considered "current" for 5 years from the issue date. Volunteers are able to obtain the PA background checks for free. For links and more information, go to: <https://www.cccbsa.org/resources/pa-background-checks>.

Submit clearances to the Self-Service CCCBSA Clearance Portal: [clearances.cccbsa.org](https://clearances.cccbsa.org).

### Maryland Residents

Maryland residents do not need to submit PA clearances, only the [MD Waiver](#). These waivers do not expire.

## Are there any family discounts available?

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Yes! The Chester County Council offers a discount to families with multiple youth and/or multiple adults in the household registered with the BSA. These discounts are only available during recharter in the form of a rebate to the Pack or Troop. Families are responsible for telling the Packs or Troops that they are registered with about the discounts they are eligible for, and if they belong to more than one Pack/Troop, coordinating which unit takes the discount.

- CCCBSA Multi-Scout Family Discount = \$20.00 for each Scout in a household after the first
- CCCBSA Multi-Adult Family Discount = \$38.00 for each adult in a household after the first

*NOTE: CCCBSA has also been given a national grant to aid families in need that has been designated to cover the New Scout Fee for families that request it. Ask your District Executive for more info. Funds are limited and are awarded on a first-come first-served basis.*

## Lion and Tiger Adults vs. other registered adult leaders

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When a Lion or Tiger Scout is registered in the BSA, it is required that they have an adult partner, usually their parent, register with them to be responsible for the Lion or Tiger Scout. This position is called Lion Adult and Tiger Adult. This position does NOT require registration fees to be paid OR background clearances to be collected. Once the scout ages out of that rank, the accompanying adult is dropped from the roster as they are no longer needed in that role.

**IF AN ADULT WISHES TO CONTINUE AS A REGISTERED ADULT LEADER, THEY NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW APPLICATION AND SUBMIT YPT, CLEARANCES, AND FEES!**