



E10 SECTION OFFICER CANDIDACY FORM

This form is to be submitted to the Section Adviser prior to nomination.

Candidate Information

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Lodge _____ Council _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Candidate Intentions

I will be under the age of 21 during the entire term of office. I am an actively registered member of my lodge and my council, and I am interested in running for section office. I plan to attend all section functions during my term.

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Approval - (for candidates under 18 years old)

I understand the commitment involved in section office which may include extensive travel, and I will support my son or daughter to the best of my ability in order to help them succeed in carrying out their duties if they are elected.

Parent Signature

Date

Council Approval

This Scout is a member in good standing of the above listed lodge and council. They have demonstrated the leadership ability to run for section office and to successfully perform all duties and assignments. We understand that they will be representing our lodge, council, the Order of the Arrow, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Lodge Adviser Signature

Date

Scout Executive Signature

Date

RULE IV.
ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION, SELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

- A. All section officers must meet the following eligibility requirements:
1. Be a registered member, in good standing, of the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America in a council within the section who has the approval, **in writing and in advance of being nominated**, of their council Scout executive or council Scout executive's designee. The member's council must be in good standing with a current charter for its Order of the Arrow lodge on file with the national service center.
 2. Be younger than 21 during their entire term of office.
 3. Should a candidate hold another national service territory, region or national position within scouting and be elected section chief they will need to resign from the other position.
- B. Nominations for section officers may be made by the designated council youth representatives when nominations are declared open at any meeting of the council of chiefs or at the conclave business meeting. Nominations shall require no second, but the nominee must accept the nomination. Nominations for each office shall be closed only once - just before balloting for that office.
- C. A business meeting shall be held at the conclave to elect section officers. The newly elected officers shall take office at the end of the conclave; and their terms shall expire at the end of the next annual conclave. The following election procedures shall be used:
1. After the nominations for a given office are declared closed, the designated council youth representative, shall poll their delegates who are younger than 21 to determine how they will cast their votes. Such a poll shall be taken before each ballot.
 2. Each council in the section, in good standing (renewed its OA charter) with the national service center, may cast one vote per youth member present at the time of the election, up to a maximum of 10 votes, for each office on all ballots. The designated council youth representative must cast their votes in proportion to the poll of the delegates (in whole votes, not fractions). The section chief, in consultation with the section adviser and section staff adviser, has final authority to determine any questions about whether a delegation is officially representing a council at the conclave. Such judgments shall be based on written or verbal certification by the lodge adviser, lodge staff adviser, or council Scout executive of the council in question. In no case shall adults vote. Telephone, Email, or other electronic votes are not permitted.
 3. A nominee must receive a majority (one vote more than fifty percent) of the votes cast on a given ballot to be elected (abstentions do not count as votes cast). Where a majority is not achieved, the nominee(s) receiving the least number of votes is (are) dropped and another ballot is taken. This procedure continues until one nominee achieves a majority and is declared elected, or until two ballots in succession result in tie votes and the balloting is declared deadlocked.
 4. When balloting is declared deadlocked, the youth conducting the election (Note: This is the section chief or a youth appointed by the section chief and approved by the section adviser) will announce to the voting delegates that one more ballot will be taken to break the tie and, if another tie results, they shall cast sufficient votes for the nominee of their choice to achieve a majority and declare them elected.
- D. The section chief may make appointments to special positions with the approval of the council of chiefs. Such appointments shall have no vote in the council of chiefs. An appointee must be a registered member in good standing of the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America in a council within the section and younger than 21 during the entire term of their appointment.
- E. Vacancies in unexpired terms of section officers shall be filled by majority vote (as defined above) of the council of chiefs (one vote per council's lodge in good standing, voting). Elected officers and the immediate past section chief shall not vote. Deadlocks, as defined above, will be decided by the youth conducting the election, after one additional tie. Replacement section officers must meet the same eligibility and approval requirements defined in paragraph A, above.