



Quartermaster Candidate: _____

Dear Friend of Quartermaster Candidate:

You have been listed by the above candidate as a personal reference as he or she applies for the highest award in Sea Scouting. He or she has worked hard and long on this process and has now come near the end. Within the next few weeks the candidate will appear before a group of adults from both Scouting and the community to review his or her progress and his or her worthiness of this award.

The Board of Review is seeking to answer questions regarding the character and life of the Quartermaster Candidate. Beyond the requirements of ranks and tasks, the questions in our mind include:

Does he or she do his or her best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law?

Does he or she demonstrate leadership ability in helping in his or her Sea Scout Ship, school, church, and community?

Does he or she show respect for the thoughts, feelings, and property of others?

These are questions that we look to you and others who are involved in his or her life to answer. You know him or her in different settings and in ways we never will. Your insights into his or her life are invaluable to us in our task.

Please take some time and answer the questions that are on the attached reference letter. Your careful consideration and insight in these areas would be greatly appreciated. Your responses will remain confidential and **will not be shared** with the candidate.

Please return the letter as soon as possible, so that the candidate's Board of Review can be scheduled. We will not schedule the Board of Review until reference letters are received. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this process.



The Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy	A Scout tells the truth. He or she keeps his or her promise. Honesty is part of his or her personal code of conduct. People can depend on him or her.
Loyal	A Scout is true to his or her family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.
Helpful	A Scout is concerned about other people. He or she does things willingly for others without pay or reward.
Friendly	A Scout is a friend to all. He or she is a brother or sister to other Scouts. He or she seeks to understand others. He or she respects those with ideas and customs other than his or her own.
Courteous	A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He or she knows good manners and makes it easier for people to get along together.
Kind	A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He or she treats others as he or she wants to be treated. He or she does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.
Obedient	A Scout follows the rules of his or her family, school, and ship. He or she obeys the laws of his community and country. If he or she thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he or she tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.
Cheerful	A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He or she cheerfully does tasks that come his or her way. He or she tries to make others happy.
Thrifty	A Scout works to pay his or her way and to help others. He or she saves for unforeseen needs. He or she protects and conserves natural resources. He or she carefully uses time and property.
Brave	A Scout can face danger even if he or she is afraid. He or she has courage to stand for what he or she thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him or her.
Clean	A Scout keeps his or her body and mind fit and clean. He or she goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He or she helps keep his home and community clean.
Reverent	A Scout is reverent toward God. He or she is faithful in his religious duties. He or she respects the beliefs of others.



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Following are some questions regarding your insights to the character and worthiness of the above candidate for the rank of Quartermaster, Scouting's highest Sea Scout rank. If you do not believe that you can make a fair judgement, please so indicate that fact and explain why. In your evaluation, please consider the Scout Oath and the Scout Law to which we prescribe. A full text of both are on the previous page.

What is your relationship to the candidate?

_____ Religious Leader

_____ Friend or Neighbor

_____ Family

_____ School Teacher or Principal

_____ Scout Leader

How long have you known the candidate? _____

How many hours weekly are you in contact with him or her? _____

Does the candidate serve God and country? In what way(s)?	
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Can he or she be considered as following the oath to keep myself mentally awake and morally straight? How?	
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The Scout Oath calls the Scout to help other people at all times. How does he or she demonstrate this in his or her life?	
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<p>From your observation, is the candidate a leader? How does he or she demonstrate this?</p>	
<p>What do you consider to be the candidate's outstanding qualities? Why?</p>	
<p>What are the candidate's weaknesses? On what do you base this?</p>	
<p>What is your overall view of this candidate? Use your knowledge of him or her and compare him or her to the Scout Oath and Law.</p>	

Please print and sign your name below. Your responses will remain confidential and will not be shared with the candidate. Thank you.

Printed Name

Signature

Date