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Becoming Volunteer Ready (ACTIVE)

Direct From the Online Support Centre:

<https://help.scouts.ca/hc/en-ca/articles/4407276399636-Becoming-Volunteer-Ready-ACTIVE>

THANK YOU for applying to be a Volunteer with Scouts Canada, the largest co-ed youth-serving organization in Canada!

Volunteer Screening combined with our policies are designed to keep both youth and Scouters safe.

During the volunteer screening process, you will have the status of **PENDING** in MyScouts.

Once you have completed the process your status will be updated to **ACTIVE**. When you are active you can join in the fun and participate with youth

Staying Volunteer Ready (ACTIVE)

If you have already completed your registration application to become a Scouter on Myscouts.ca, please keep reading and begin your screening process.

Once you have completed your application, a notification will be sent to the Scouting Group you have selected. They will reach out to you very soon to connect with you. If you do not hear from them within a week of completing your application, please write to the Help Centre:

helpcentre@scouts.ca

This is an outline of the process and your first steps. Once you have completed Volunteer Screening, you will become a Scouter who is trusted to work directly with Scouting youth.

Getting Started!

Step 1: When you completed your online application, you should have been prompted to sign the Code of Conduct. If that step was missed, log in to [MyScouts](#) to read and agree to the [Code of Conduct](#).

Step 2: Obtain a CLEAN Police Record Check / Vulnerable Sector Search (PRC/VSS) and Child Abuse Registry check (CAR) *CAR only applicable in Manitoba & Nova Scotia. Please reference this article for how to receive a [Child Abuse Registry Check - Child Abuse Registry check \(CAR\) - Manitoba and Nova Scotia](#)

We encourage you to begin this step as soon as possible as PRC/VSS processing times vary depending on location and time of year. The sooner you can start this process the better!

You require a **Proof Of Volunteerism Letter** to take to your local detachment (or to apply online where available) these are found here in [How to receive a Police Record Check / Vulnerable Sector Search across Canada by province](#) in this article you will also find a list of locations of where to receive your PRC/VSS.



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Important Notes:

- **To be valid:** Scouts Canada PRC/VSS must be received specifically for Scouts Canada and must be under 3 months old.
- **How to get it:** As the process varies across the country some applications can be completed online and some only in person and some both. You can contact your Group Commissioner, local Council Key 3 or Scouting Relationship Manager/Group Support Scouter for the correct process you should use and Proof of Volunteerism Letter if required.
- **Non-Profit Proof of Volunteerism Letter:** If in your region you are asked to go into a police detachment to request your PRC/VSS, you may need a letter verifying you are volunteering with Scouts Canada to make the request. This letter can eliminate the cost of a PRC/VSS (if there is a cost, in some regions this is free). **To obtain a copy of this letter, please contact your Group Commissioner, Relationship Manager or Registration@scouts.ca.**
- **Additional Steps / Fingerprinting:** In some cases, you may be asked to provide fingerprints in order to move forward with your PRC/VSS. The detachment will explain why, as these are on a case-by-case basis. Be prepared to take this step if asked to by your local detachment.
- **Child Abuse Registry (CAR) Applications: Manitoba and Nova Scotia** volunteers please read the [**Child Abuse Registry - Manitoba and Nova Scotia**](#) article for how to complete the Child Abuse Registry Check (CAR) application as it is required in your provinces **IN ADDITION** to a PRC/VSS.

Step 3: Training PART 1: Scouting Fundamentals.

Login to [**MyScouts**](#) and select the David Huestis Learning Centre listed on the left side menu.

In the Learning Centre you will see '**My Courses**'. Begin with '**Scouting Fundamentals**'.

Session 1: Why Scouter is Important for Young People – *15 minutes*

Session 2: How Scouting Helps Develop Well Rounded Youth – *30 minutes*

Session 3: Great, Safe, Scouting Adventures – *20 minutes*

Session 4: Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders – *180 minutes* (*This training will cost \$30.00 +tax for new members and \$15.00 +tax for a volunteer who is renewing the training when it expires after 5 years. – Check with your local Scouting Group as some offer financial support for this training.*)

Session 5: How you can help Scouting reach more young people – *55 minutes*

Session 6: What comes next? – *8 minutes*

Total time: 5 hrs and 8 minutes

Our Learning Centre is designed for you to work at your own pace. You can begin a session take a break and return to it when you're ready your progress will be saved! It is also mobile-friendly so you have the freedom to complete training anywhere.



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PART 2: Wood Badge I: For future reference, this is to be completed within your 1st year of registering.

This note is to keep you informed. There are different versions of Wood Badge I based on the Scouting role you have and different ways to receive it. Please read this article [Wood Badge I FAQ](#) for a complete understanding.

Reference Check – A Minimum of 3 Passed References of Your 5 Submitted References:

When you completed your application to become a Scouter you were asked to include references. These references are checked by a third-party organization, BackCheck, and when completed are automatically uploaded to your account.

If you skipped this step or have any concerns about the references you submitted when you completed your application, please inform the Scouter who reaches out to you or reach out to the Help Centre at: helpcentre@scouts.ca

Step 4: Interview

Once you are contacted by a member of your Group, you will be asked to coordinate time for an interview that will be held by two trained Scouters either virtually or in person.

This is the last step you need to complete to become an **ACTIVE** Scouter and begin your journey as a Scouter with Scouts Canada! Your mentorship will help you inspire youth to be positive and trustworthy, and embrace values like kindness, acceptance and belonging to make meaningful contributions that in turn create a better world.

THANK YOU for choosing to join a movement dedicated to preparing Canada's young people for future success through a youth-led program where they take on challenges that help develop their abilities to think critically, plan, innovate and use learnings in resourceful ways.