



Citizenship in Society Merit Badge



- The new Citizenship in Society merit badge encourages Scouts to explore important topics around **DIVERSITY**, **EQUITY**, **INCLUSION** and **ETHICAL LEADERSHIP** and to learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting.
- It was thoughtfully designed to help scouts learn about different identities, characteristics, perspectives, and the lived experiences we each possess.





HAND represents
The Scout Sign

GLOBE symbolizes
many cultures and
identities

Red, white and blue BACKGROUND
represents the US flag and the
leadership role Scouts have in their
communities

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- Developed by BSA's Office of Diversity under the guidance of BSA Chief Diversity Officer, Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka)
- Launched Nov. 1, 2021 – aligned with Scout Oath, Law, and values
- Optional right now – currently in a “grace period” for adequate planning / roll-out
- Eagle-Required beginning July 1, 2022
- Does NOT include a “pamphlet” - requires a different type of counseling method
- 11 MB Requirements: some advanced + complex topics to help scout grow an understanding of diverse perspectives
- Parents / guardians / and scout determine his/her/their readiness to discuss the requirements which is critical to understanding different preferences and abilities
- Scout should meet with Unit Leader prior to starting this merit badge

General Info Video: <https://vimeo.com/610950264>

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1. The committee is tasked with qualifying Citizenship in Society MB Counselors.
2. Counselor will act as a facilitator and meet the following requirements:
 - a.) Have current YPT.
 - b.) Take Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training for Volunteers: SCO-1800. (Log-in to My.Scouting for the training link)
 - c.) Be very familiar with the 11 merit badge requirements and concepts for discussions.
 - d.) **Be approved** through an interview process.
 - f.) Be registered as a MB Counselor.
3. Counselor should not advocate a particular or personal point of view.
4. Merit badge is not suitable for large group discussion or at summer camp.
5. A listing of approved counselors will come from the Advancement Committee

Merit Badge Counselor Resources

Merit Badge Counselor Guide:

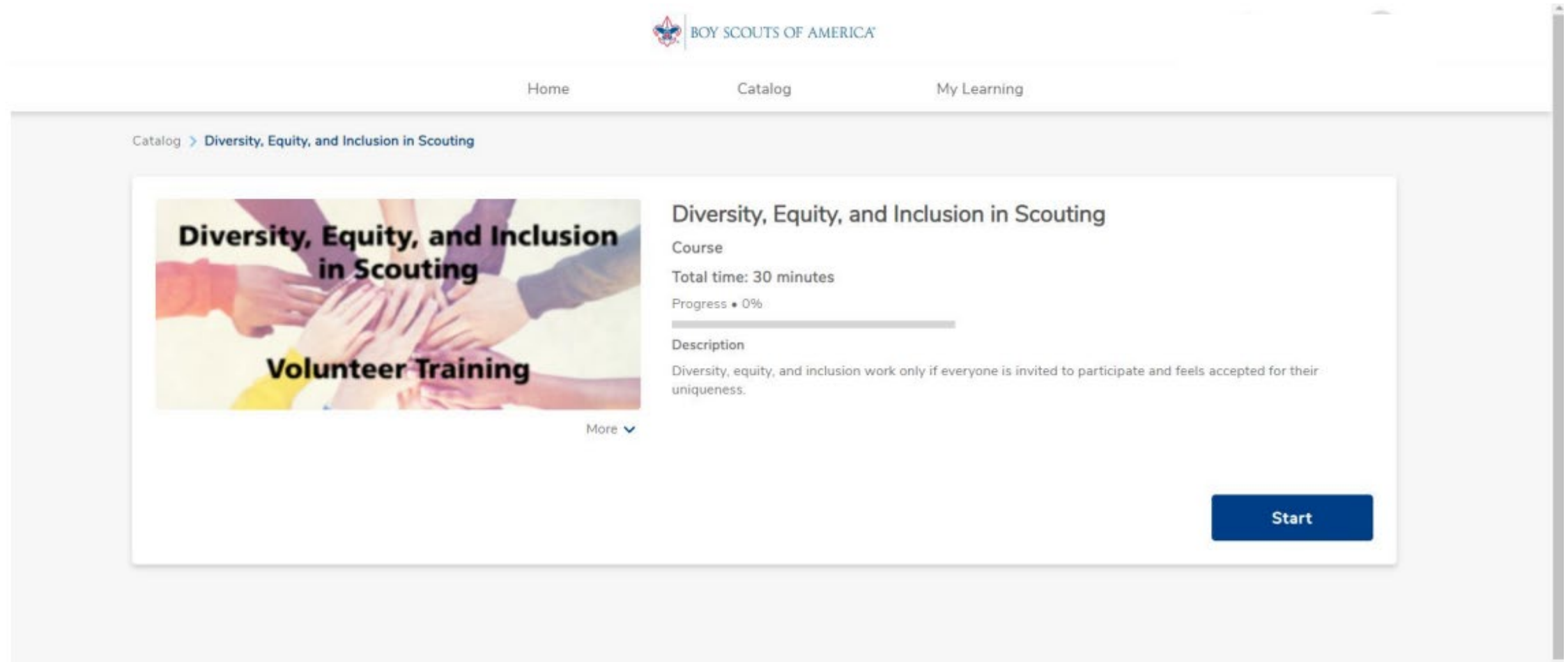
[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/diversity equity and inclusion/
Citizenship-in-Society-Merit-Badge-Counselor-Guide-2021.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/diversity%20equity%20and%20inclusion/Citizenship-in-Society-Merit-Badge-Counselor-Guide-2021.pdf)

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Merit Badge Pamphlet:

[http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit badge reqandres/CitizenshipSociety ScoutReqs.pdf](http://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/merit%20badge%20reqandres/CitizenshipSociety_ScoutReqs.pdf)

Meanwhile let's all complete DEI training at [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)



The screenshot shows the Boy Scouts of America website interface. At the top, the logo and name "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" are visible. Below the logo, there are navigation links for "Home", "Catalog", and "My Learning". The main content area displays a course titled "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Scouting" under the "Catalog" section. The course card features a thumbnail image of hands stacked together with the text "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Scouting" and "Volunteer Training". To the right of the thumbnail, the course details are listed: "Course", "Total time: 30 minutes", and "Progress: 0%". A "Description" section follows, stating: "Diversity, equity, and inclusion work only if everyone is invited to participate and feels accepted for their uniqueness." A "Start" button is located at the bottom right of the course card.

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Thank you for all you do for Scouting!

