



SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Application for Adult Membership

Thank you for showing an interest in Scouting.

Scouting is a world-wide movement. The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential.

Scouting is committed to give high quality experiences to boys and girls and young men and women. In order to remain successful, Scouting needs to ensure that it is attractive to young people, fulfilling for adult volunteers, trusted by parents and valued by Society.

The success of the Scout Movement has been largely due to the quality and commitment of its adult volunteers. In order to maintain these high standards, each adult volunteer is required to understand and accept:

The Aim, Principles and Method of the South African Scout Association

These are explained overleaf and you will have the opportunity to discuss them and explore the implications for your future role in Scouting.

The Scout Association Child Protection Procedures

These are explained in the enclosed Yellow Card, which is designed to be carried with you. The implications of these guidelines will be discussed with you.

The Training appropriate to your future role in Scouting

All leaders are required to complete required training. Your training opportunities will be discussed with you.

A member of the local Scout Group or District will discuss these commitments with you. They should also indicate what will be expected from you in your new role in Scouting. When you are fully informed, please complete the Adult Application form.

We are sure that you will find your time satisfying and rewarding.

The Aim of the South African Scout Association is to contribute to the development of the young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The Scout Movement is based on the following Principles:

Duty to God

Commitment to spiritual principles, loyalty to the religion that expresses them and acceptance of the duties expected by our religion.

Duty to others

Loyalty to one's country in harmony with the promotion of local, national and international peace, understanding and co-operation.

Participation in the development of society, with recognition and respect for the dignity of one's fellow man and the integrity of the natural world.

Duty to self

Responsibility for the development of oneself.

The Principles of Duty to God, Duty to Country and Duty to others are expressed in the Scout Promise:

**“On my honour I promise that I will do my best
To do my Duty to God, and my Country;
To help other people at all times;
To obey the Scout Law.”**

In order to promote the Aim and Principles of the Movement, Scouting uses a Method which is young people, in partnership with adults:

Enjoying what they are doing

Learning by doing

Participating in various progressive activities

Making choices for themselves

Taking part in outdoor activities

Making and living out their Promise

The applicant should retain this part of the form.