QUALIFICATIONS

These are the requirements for candidates for the Boy Scouts of America participation in the National Science Foundation and BSA scientific project to Antarctica, September 2003 through January 2004.

1. The candidate must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. The candidate must have had a minimum of three years' membership in the BSA.
3. The candidate must be a high school graduate and must be at least age 17½ and not yet 21 as of June 1, 2003. Information completed on the opposite page.
4. The candidate must have earned the Eagle Scout rank.
5. The applicant must be available for training during the month of September 2003.

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTING MATERIAL

Attachment "A" enclosed: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

The candidate must present a letter of certification from his unit leader and the chairman of the unit committee showing his record as a member of the Boy Scouts of America. It must include length of service, rank, leadership experiences, detailed camping or high-adventure experiences, and his own service in relation to outdoor experiences. The candidate must have had a camping experience of at least one week during each of three years. The certification also shall include the reason for recommending this candidate. Naturally, such a statement will certify as to his practice of the ideals of Scouting and his effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability.

The candidate must have had a minimum of three years' membership in the Boy Scouts of America. A list of merit badges earned must be submitted. Preference will be given to candidates who hold merit badges in Archaeology, Astronomy, Aviation, Bird Study, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Computers, Cooking, Electricity, Electronics, Emergency Preparedness, Energy, Engineering, Environmental Science, First Aid, Geology, Hiking, Home Repairs, Journalism, Oceanography, Orienteering, Personal Fitness, Photography, Pioneering, Public Speaking, Radio, Snow Sports, Soil and Water Conservation, Surveying, Weather, Wilderness Survival, and Woodwork.

Attachment "B" enclosed: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

The candidate must present a letter of certification written by school authorities, attesting to the candidate's intellectual capabilities as well as interest in and aptitude for the physical sciences. This letter should include his past selection of science courses, participation in science projects and science fairs, academic standing, grades, and class rank.

Attachment "C" enclosed: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

The candidate must submit a statement of 500 to 1,000 words explaining why he wishes to become a member of the expedition and why he feels qualified.

Attachment "D" enclosed: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

The candidate must submit an additional statement outlining his hobbies and interests (other than Scouting) for the past two years. Included should be all non-Scouting-related civic and community involvement.

Attachment "E" enclosed: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Letters and other evidence should be submitted from persons in his community to testify as to the character of the candidate, his courage, resourcefulness, leadership ability, adaptability, quality of endurance, initiative, industry, and experience and action under stress.

If accepted for the national selection process, the candidate must present a complete health history and a physician's certificate of a thorough physical examination. This examination must be of the same level and as detailed as that required of candidates for the military academies. Medical forms will be mailed to finalists. If the candidate selected does not meet the physical examination criteria, an alternate will be selected. **A basic statement on the candidate's health should be among the material furnished with this application.**

Note: Antarctica is one of the most rigorous places on the earth. One must be capable of physical activity while wearing thirty pounds of cold-weather gear in extremely low temperatures, at altitudes higher than 10,000 feet. Meals may be irregular. Such stressful environmental conditions, potential hazards, and extreme remoteness from major medical facilities make Antarctic physical screening mandatory to ensure freedom from any disability that might imperil health, restrict activities, or create a burden for one's associates.

Region _____ Council No. _____ Council name_____

Headquarters city_____Troop/Team No. _____ or Crew No._____

Chartered organization _____

Name _____ Telephone (area code)_____

Address_____

City _____ State_____ Zip code_____

Age on June 1, 2003, will be _____ Date of birth_____

Height _____ Weight _____

SCOUTING RECORD

Years	Unit Number	Chartered Organization

Date Eagle Scout rank earned _____

List of merit badges earned

Date		Date		Date		Date	
_____	Archaeology	_____	Electronics	_____	Journalism	_____	Surveying
_____	Astronomy	_____	Emergency Preparedness	_____	Oceanography	_____	Weather
_____	Aviation	_____	Energy	_____	Orienteering	_____	Wilderness Survival
_____	Bird Study	_____	Engineering	_____	Personal Fitness	_____	Woodwork
_____	Citizenship in the World	_____	Environmental Science	_____	Photography		Other
_____	Communications	_____	First Aid	_____	Pioneering	_____	_____
_____	Computers	_____	Geology	_____	Public Speaking	_____	_____
_____	Cooking	_____	Hiking	_____	Radio	_____	_____
_____	Electricity	_____	Home Repairs	_____	Snow Sports	_____	_____
				_____	Soil and Water Conservation	_____	_____

CERTIFICATION BY SCOUT OR VENTURER

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected as a national finalist, I will be free to travel to the national finals selection in April 2003, and to participate, if selected, in the Antarctic experience, from September 2003 through February 2004.

Date_____ Signature of Scout/Venturer _____

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that the information on this application pertaining to my son's age, medical status, activities, and grade in school is correct. I am willing and desirous that he become a candidate in the BSAAntarctic Scientific Program. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if accepted, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against the Boy Scouts of America, its local council, the unit, its chartered organization, all leaders of the Boy Scouts of America, and the National Science Foundation, for any and all causes that may arise in connection with the activities of the above organization(s).

Date_____ Signature of parent or guardian _____

ENDORSEMENT OF UNIT LEADER

The above-named applicant meets all stated qualifications and has been duly approved to represent Scouting in the BSA Antarctic Scientific Program.

Date_____ Unit leader _____

Date_____ Unit committee chairman _____

COUNCIL CERTIFICATION (Council must certify)

The above-named applicant has the approval of this council to participate in the selection competition in the BSAAntarctic Scientific Program.

Date_____ Scout executive _____

Submit this application by February 1, 2003, to:

BSA Antarctic Scientific Program
Boy Scouts of America
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

National finalists will be notified of their selection by April 1, 2003. National finals are scheduled for the week of April 28, 2003. All expenses of national finalists will be underwritten by the Boy Scouts of America.

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