Online Exploring Adult Application Instructions

Step 1: Complete Safeguarding Youth Training
Visit www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection and follow the instructions to complete the Safeguarding Youth Training.

Step 2: Submit CORI Form and ID
Complete the SoA CORI form using this secure link: https://hipaa.jotform.com/232543180609050

👉 *Be sure to scroll down and click "Start Filling" to begin the form.*
Upload a copy of your ID when prompted.

Please forward the confirmation email—with the subject line "We have received your response for SOA Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Acknowledgement Form" from JotForm—to the unit committee chair.

Step 3: Complete Online Adult Application

1. Go to joinexploring.org
2. Enter the zip code for the location of the unit
3. Select the program
4. Click **Find Exploring**
5. Search for **the unit you want to join (Clubs for youth in 6th to 8th grade) or Posts (for youth 14 – 20)**
6. Click **Apply Now**
7. Select **"Adult" (21 and over)** — If you're **18 to 20 years old** and **not currently registered with the Post**, choose **"Exploring Participant"** instead.
8. Log in using your existing credentials (if applicable – *Be sure to use the **same login credentials** you used when completing the Safeguarding Youth Training, so the system can recognize your account.*
9. Answer all required questions and sign the terms and agreements
10. At the payment screen:
11. ***If you are joining a Police or Fire Post do not enter credit card information – enter the discount code given to you by the Exploring Post, you are joining.***
11. Complete the payment process fully to finalize your registration

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Step 4: Final Review & Background Check

- Your registration is not official until the unit you've applied to accepts your application. Once accepted, you will be submitted for a national background check, which typically takes **5 to 10 days**. After the check is completed and cleared, your registration is finalized.