



SECTION OFFICER CANDIDATE FORM

Members desiring to run for section office must complete and submit this form to Section Adviser John Guevara by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019. Submitting the form, however, does not obligate a candidate to stand for election, as he may withdraw before nominations are closed Saturday evening ahead of balloting. A candidate must not reach his 21st birthday before the end of the term of office (July 19, 2020). The approval of the Scout executive is required to run for office. His signature is required on this form. If he delegates this to another professional on his staff, he is to notify Section Adviser John Guevara (John.Guevara@lgbs.com or 956-778-9329) of the designee in advance of the conclave.

We encourage the candidate to give serious thought, prior to the conclave, to the requirements and duties of the office he seeks in light of other activities he has and the quality of his previous lodge service. The successful candidate is expected to fulfill the obligations of his office, add value to the section program, and participate in all activities (planning meetings with advisers, two Council of Chiefs meetings, region Section Officers Seminar, and the National Planning Meeting (section chief only). Invitations to lodge events and training may also require participation.

Please review the job requirements and the nomination and election procedures as listed in the Field Operations Guide (available online at <https://oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/FOG-2018.pdf>). As we will elect the section chief, vice chief, and the secretary in that order, a candidate not successful for higher office may be nominated for a lower office.

A candidate should only consider doing so with full reflection on the guidance provided in the above paragraph, particularly as he will have to state his service delivery intentions for the specific office to the assembled conclave participants.

Section officers are most often Eagle Scouts and the best leaders our nine lodges have to offer. If an aspiring candidate is less than a consistent, stellar performer and/or not contributing to the program success of his own lodge, approval to run for election should not be given. We trust the lodge adviser and Scout executive will provide appropriate counsel to those seeking approval. Further, the lodge adviser and Scout executive must communicate with each other before giving approval.

Lodge: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - ____

Candidacy (check 1 or more): Section Chief Section Vice Chief Section Secretary

Present BSA unit and OA position: _____

Previous positions held:

Leadership qualifications (courses, events, strengths, etc):

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____

Scout Executive's approval: _____ Date: _____