

# OA Unit Election Declination Form

## Unit Information

Unit Type and Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Week Unit Attends Camp: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Order of the Arrow Unit Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Certificate of Declination and Authorizing Signatures

As the Unit Leader, or acting Unit Leader, of \_\_\_\_\_ (unit type and number), chartered to \_\_\_\_\_, I respectfully decline our right to a Wahissa Lodge #118 Order of the Arrow Unit Election this year. I acknowledge that this is my unit's only opportunity to elect new candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow for this year. I also realize that another Order of the Arrow Unit Election will not take place for my unit until next year. I am also aware that our unit cannot submit an adult candidate unless we have at least one youth candidate.

I further certify that our unit has no eligible youth candidates for the Order of the Arrow as of the date of this declination submission.

Unit Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Vice Chief of Inductions Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirements for Membership in the Order of the Arrow

As of February 1, 2019, Unit Elections are permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units. The Order of the Arrow membership requirements are as follows:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of Scout camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least 5 consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only 5 nights of the long-term camp can be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, 3 nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, and hold one of the following ranks corresponding to the type unit in which they are being considered for election: Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.
- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.