



## SECTION OFFICER CANDIDACY FORM

Members desiring to run for section office must complete and submit this form to Section Adviser Jason Riley by 10:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024. Submitting the form, however, does not obligate a candidate to stand for election, as they may withdraw before nominations are closed Saturday evening ahead of balloting. A candidate must not reach their 21st birthday before the end of the term of office (March 30, 2025). The approval of the Scout Executive is required to run for office. If the Scout Executive delegates this to another professional on their staff, they are to notify Section Adviser Jason Riley (mjrriley@me.com or 512-736-8391) of the designee in advance of the 2024 Lone Star Fellowship (AKA "conclave").

Candidates are encouraged to give serious thought, prior to the conclave, to the requirements and duties of the office they seek considering other activities and commitments they may have and the quality of their previous lodge service. The successful candidate is expected to fulfill the obligations of their office, add value to the section program, and participate in all activities (planning meetings with advisers, Council of Chiefs meetings, region Section Officers Seminar, and the National Planning Meeting (Section Chief only)). Invitations to lodge events and trainings may also require participation.

Please review the job requirements and the nomination and election procedures as listed in the Field Operations Handbook (available online at <https://oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/FOH-202312.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 they will have to state their service delivery intentions for the specific office to the assembled conclave participants.

Section officers are often 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 their 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: \_\_\_\_\_