

Sample Letter to Parents of Candidates

To the parents of _____ Date _____

Congratulations! Your child has been elected as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. Organized in 1915 to recognize honor campers, the purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition, to promote camping, to develop leaders, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order of the Arrow are chosen not only for what they have done, but also for what they are expected to do in serving the welfare of others. Because your child was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by their peers, we are sure that they are well worthy of this honor.

On _____ at _____, your child will become a member of our Order of the Arrow lodge, _____, during our induction weekend. This weekend will offer a unique opportunity for them to reflect on their personal commitment to the principles and purposes of the Order of the Arrow. The weekend is undertaken by every new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not soon be forgotten.

Induction in the Order of the Arrow will open many new doors for your child. Our lodge participates in many events every year. *(Optional: Insert the date and description of an upcoming event here, for example, NOAC, conclave, etc.)* In addition, the Order of the Arrow provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge they already have received during their Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your child. Your encouragement will be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at _____ if you have any questions concerning the Order of the Arrow. Thank you for your support of your child and of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Lodge Adviser and/or Chapter Adviser
Lodge Name