



# COIN COLLECTING BYU Merit Badge PowWow Official Merit Badge Worksheet

Scout's Name:

Counselor's Name:

Scout's Address:

City

State

ZIP

## Instructions

- 1) The Scout is to review the merit badge book before the first week of PowWow.
- 2) Bring this work sheet, paper, and pen or pencil each week.
- 3) **Bring a Merit Badge blue card with you on the second week.**

## Requirement Instructions\*

- 1) Requirements 9 and 10, and the collections for requirements 6 and 7 should be completed **prior to PowWow**. Bring your collections to the PowWow.
- 2) Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be covered and should be passed off the first Saturday of PowWow.
- 3) Requirement 7 should be completed as **homework** in the time between the two sessions of PowWow.
- 4) Requirements 5, 6 and 8 will be covered and should be passed off the second Saturday of PowWow.

**\* Due to possible time constraints at the PowWow, certain requirements that were originally planned to be completed in class may need to be completed as homework. Please LISTEN to ALL INSTRUCTIONS in class to be aware of any changes.**

## Requirement 1

**Initial**

How coins are made:

Where are the active U.S. Mint facilities located?

## Requirement 2

**Initial**

Explain these collecting terms:

a. Obverse -

b. Reverse

c. Reeding

d. Clad

e. Type set

f. Date set

**Requirement 3**

**Initial**

Explain the grading terms:

a. Uncirculated

b. Extremely Fine

c. Very Fine

d. Fine

e. Very Good

f. Good

g. Poor

Show five different grade examples of the same coin type:

Explain the term “proof” and why it is not a grade:

What are encapsulated coins?

**Requirement 4**

**Initial**

Know and list THREE different ways to store a collection, and describe the benefits, drawbacks, and expenses of each method.

1. Method:

Benefits:

Drawbacks:

Expense:

2. Method:

Benefits:

Drawbacks:

Expense:

3. Method:

Benefits:

Drawbacks:

Expense:

Pick one to use when completing homework requirements.

**Requirement 5**

**Initial**

Do ALL of the following:

A. Demonstrate to your counselor that you know how to use two U.S. or world coin reference catalogs.

B. Read a numismatic magazine or newspaper and tell your counselor about what you learned.

**Requirement 6**

**Initial**

Describe the 1999-2008 50 State Quarters Program.

Collect and show your counselor five different quarters you have acquired from circulation.

**Requirement 7**

**Initial**

Collect from circulation a set of currently circulating U.S. coins. Include one coin of each denomination (cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half-dollar, dollar). For each coin, locate the mint marks, if any, and the designer's initials, if any.

Cent -

Nickel -

Dime -  
Quarter -  
Half-dollar -  
Dollar -

**Requirement 8**

**Initial**

Do ALL of the following:

A. Identify the people depicted on the following denominations of current U.S. paper money:

\$1 -

\$2 -

\$5 -

\$10 -

\$20 -

\$50 -

\$100 -

B. Explain "legal tender."

C. Describe the role the Federal Reserve System plays in the distribution of currency.

**Requirement 9**

**Initial**

Do ONE of the following:

A. Collect and identify 50 foreign coins from at least 10 different countries.

B. Collect and identify 20 bank notes from at least five different countries.

C. Collect and identify 15 different tokens or medals.

D. For each year since the year of your birth, collect a date set of a single type of coin.

**Requirement 10**

**Initial**

Do ONE of the following:

A. Tour a U.S. Mint facility, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility, or a Federal Reserve bank, or a numismatic museum or exhibit, and describe what you learned to your counselor.

B. With your parent's permission, attend a coin show or coin club meeting, or view the Web site of the U.S. Mint or a coin dealer, and report what you learned.

C. Give a talk about coin collecting to a group such as your troop, a Cub Scout pack, or class at school. Attach a copy to this worksheet.

D. Do drawings of five Colonial-era U.S. coins.

**Merit badge work sheets will not be accepted at the Council Office in place of the official Merit Badge Application Card. Those who do not complete all the requirements should take their partially completed merit badge work sheet and their official application card to their local merit badge counselors for completion.**