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Dear FIRSTNAME,

My name is FIRSTNAME LASTNAME, and I serve the COUNCILNAME Council, BSA as lodge adviser of the LODGENAME Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. I am writing you to offer my congratulations on CANDIDATENAME's election to candidacy for membership in the Order of the Arrow. CANDIDATENAME was elected by the members of their unit for showing great character and living the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.

Now, you may be asking yourself, "What is this 'Order of the Arrow?'" The Order of the Arrow, or OA, is Scouting's National Honor Society, and to be elected to candidacy for OA membership is a great recognition of your child's character. The local chapter of the national OA program is known as a lodge. LODGENAME Lodge, the chapter to which your child was elected, provides its youth members (those under 21 years of age) additional opportunities for leadership roles, and the change to get involved in Scouting outside of their local unit, with elected youth leadership roles from the local to the national level. Our lodge plans community service events, work projects at camp, leadership development trainings, and fun outings for fellowship. The OA is like no other organization in Scouting, or beyond; close-knit interpersonal connections, ideals of brotherhood, and a spirit of the service are just a few of the values that the OA instills in its members. The OA brings numerous opportunities for your child to do more and to grow, both as an individual and as a leader.

How does CANDIDATENAME become a member? It's easy: they must simply complete their induction experience, called the Ordeal. There are XX opportunities to complete the Ordeal and join the OA this year in our council. Detailed information about the Ordeal, its cost, and this year's opportunities for induction can be found at [LODGEWEBSITEURL](#). Please note: if your child does not complete their Ordeal within one calendar year of their election, they must be reelected to candidacy.

Thank you for your time! I look forward to meeting you, and to welcoming your child as a member of the OA soon.

Yours in Brotherhood,

FIRSTNAME LASTNAME
LODGENAME Lodge Adviser