

# esquire (*es-quire*)

## Definition

n. 1 a candidate for knighthood; acting as attendant and shieldbearer for a knight; 2 a title of respect for a member of the English gentry ranking just below a knight

## Example Sentence

He served as an **esquire** to Sir Lancelot.

## Synonyms

candidate for knighthood; knight's shield-bearer;  
knight's attendant

## Antonyms

king

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