

## **NATIONAL BETA CLUB HONOR SOCIETY- Bradley Homeschool Beta Club**

### **What is the Beta Club?**

The National Beta Club is an honor organization that recognizes outstanding academic achievement, promotes strong moral character and social responsibility, encourages service to others, fosters leadership skills, and provides settings for you to develop strong interpersonal skills.

Beta club members will complete community service projects and volunteer work on the last Friday of each month. They can also be invited to State Convention to compete in the following competitions: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Apparel Design, Book Battle, Creative Writing, Engineering, Living Literature, Marketing, and Communications, Performing Arts, Poetry, Portfolio, Quiz Bowl, Robotics, Service Learning Showcase, Songfest, Speech, Technology, Three-Dimensional Design, Two-Dimensional Design, Visual Arts, Freshman Problem Solving, Robotics Showcase, Show Choir, Speech, Agiscience & Quiz Bowl.

Scholarships are available for Senior Betas (9th-12th) who apply. They look at SAT, ACT and tenure and involvement with Beta when choosing students for scholarship. They give over \$300,000 per year, with \$1,000 being the smallest and \$20,000 being the largest.

National Beta is also a great accolade to add to job applications and college applications!

### National Beta Club Divisions:

Junior Beta Club:

Division I – Grades 4-5,    Division II – Grades 6-8

Senior Beta Club:

Grades 9-12

### **Who qualifies for membership in the Bradley Homeschool Beta Club?**

Students who have earned all A's and B's in content areas (Junior Beta Club), or a minimum of 3.0 GPA (Senior Beta Club), who also exemplify strong character and have maintained role model behavior throughout the school year are eligible to apply for membership in the Beta Club.

### **What are the requirements of membership?**

Each member must pay induction dues and participate in at least one community service opportunity throughout the school year. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in as many service projects as possible, since this is the key to leadership development within our organization.

### **What are the dues for members?**

There is an annual fee collected prior to induction. Fees are as follows:

Elementary (4th and 5th graders): \$16

Juniors (6th-8th graders): \$24

Seniors (9th-12th graders): \$32

You may wish to explore the National Beta Club website at [www.betaclub.org](http://www.betaclub.org) to learn more about the benefits that are included in the induction fee.

### **How do I apply for membership?**

If a student meets the criteria above, you may complete the application form and return it via email to [mrs.jamesvv@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.jamesvv@gmail.com) (subject: Beta Application). All applications for this year's club are due Friday, August 25th.

*If a student would like to be considered as an officer, he or she should submit an officer application form that includes a short essay on why he or she would like to be a club officer and return it with the application. Link to the application can be found here:*

*<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16o5BUk2qScihCo2XwGNTn72r5-170KL0gOTGm3JFJ5c/e/dit>*

*Officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers will be expected to meet at least twice a year to help plan service projects and brainstorm ideas for the club. Officers are also highly encouraged to go to the state convention in November. Anyone in grades 6-12 may be chosen as an officer. We will need 4 junior officers and 4 senior officers.*

### **How will I know if I am accepted?**

You will be notified by email of acceptance into the club. The email will contain information on how to pay the membership dues. I will notify those who are selected as officers beforehand, and they will help conduct the induction ceremony. I will update this announcement when the location is confirmed.

Please email me if you have any questions. I look forward to the year ahead with Beta Club!

**Do we have to submit service hours or grades to remain in good standing?**

*No. I am not required to submit anything for/from members. I hope that most families will be able to participate in some of the club events, but participation is 100% up to you. I put a recommended/suggested requirement of 10-15 service hours on one of the info sheets, but that was just to have some standard in place. It is not hard and fast.*

**Are membership fees due yearly?**

*No. There are 3 divisions of Beta Club: Junior Beta Elementary (4th-5th), Junior Beta (6th-8th), and Senior Beta (9th-12th). Students will retain Beta membership until the end of their current level, and will have to renew at each new level. This means if you are entering at the high school level, you will be in Beta Club every year of high school through graduation and not have to re-enroll. This also means you will be eligible to apply for all Beta scholarships, at both the state and local levels.*

**Can you tell me more about the State Convention?**

*The Beta Club convention is a fun event for every Beta member. It is held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville on Nov. 19-20 for Elementary, 20-22 for Juniors (6th-8th) and 28-30 for Senior Beta (9th-12th). I will have an estimated cost available next week at the Induction Ceremony and explain more about the competitions categories your child can enter. But attendance is NOT required and a student can go and NOT compete if he/she wants.*

**How will we stay informed of what's going on and what opportunities are available?**

*I created a private Facebook page for the Bradley Beta club (Bradley Homeschool Beta Club). I will try to find/invite a family member for every participating clubber. I will also send out periodic emails with info for dates and upcoming events. I may create a GroupMe also- I will send the link to everyone if I do. I don't want to bombard you but I do want to keep you in-the-know.*

There are opportunities for any parent to help get involved! With there being three divisions, I would love to have two other parents come alongside me and be the sponsor for two of the divisions so I can focus on one. I will be planning service opportunities with the club officers (I love when students have great ideas and take the lead!) but club activities do not have to be limited to the ones I come up with. I would love to see others finding cool ways Beta clubbers can get involved in our community and putting the word out for the rest of the club! This is OUR club, and I have no doubt our kids will be shining lights in Cleveland and beyond! If you'd like to help, send me a text or email or call me- and THANK you! :-)

