NATIONAL **BETA** CLUB



LEAD.
SERVE.
ACHIEVE.

NEW MEMBER **HANDBOOK**


NATIONAL
BETA CLUB
JUNIOR
BETA
ACHIEVEMENT
CHARACTER
LEADERSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS!

You're a member of the National Beta Club.

Get ready to have fun—and make your community and the world a better place. As a member of The National Beta Club, you're a part a family of more that half a million youth and sponsors who are dedicated to changing the world. Did you know there are now more than 450,000 active members and more than 8,750 clubs nationally and internationally?

The National Beta Club seeks to inspire young adults to lead by serving others. Between the Junior Beta Club (grades 4-8) and Senior Beta Club (grades 9-12), the organization has helped nearly seven million students learn how to make a more productive for themselves.

While in Beta Club you will have the opportunity to work on a variety of community service projects, attend conventions and leadership summits across the nation, and apply for over $300,000 in scholarships. Enjoy your club experience!

Use this handbook to help you:

- Understand what Beta Club is and how it works
- Learn about Beta Club History
- Get help when you need it
- Opportunities for you as a member
- Connect with Beta Club members like you

BETA CLUB

MISSION

To promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students.

MOTTO

Let Us Lead by Serving Others

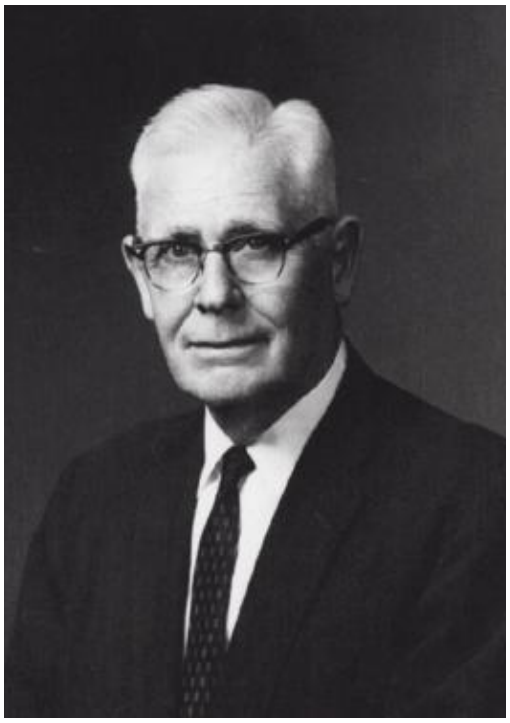
SR PLEDGE

I solemnly declare that I shall always strive to hold fast to the principles of honesty; to endeavor constantly to maintain a creditable record; to cultivate in my life and conduct the principles of service and leadership. I further pledge myself. To cooperate with the members of this club in the promotion of a sense of individual responsibility. To our school, community, state, and nation; to make right the master of might; and to consecrate our comradeship to mutual helpfulness and to the betterment of our fellow students.

JR PLEDGE

I hereby declare that I shall always strive to be honest and truthful at all times to maintain a creditable scholastic record; to be of service to my teachers and fellowmen; to conduct myself in an ethical and moral manner to reflect credit upon my school and community.

BETA CLUB History



FOUNDER: DR. JOHN W. HARRIS

ESTABLISHED: 1934

HEADQUARTERS: SPARTANBURG, SC

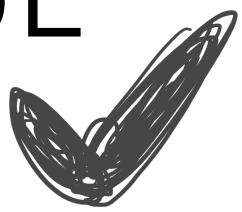
FIRST CLUB: LANDRUM HIGH SCHOOL,SC

FIRST NATIONAL SPONSOR: HANNAH LEITNER

FIRST CONVENTION: MAY 5, 1934
SPARTANBURG, SC

Beta's mission originated with Dr. John W. Harris, a professor at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, who founded the organization in 1934. Over 80 years have passed, but his vision and Beta's mission has remained the same. And most everyone who has been fortunate enough to be called a member has embraced those ideals and applied them to their own lives.

BE RESOURCEFUL



Where to get support

Record contact information for the people who can help you and contact them when you need information.

MY SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____

MY BETA CLUB SPONSOR

Name_____

Phone_____

Email_____

MY BETA CLUB PRESIDENT

Name_____

Phone_____

Email_____

THE NATIONAL BETA CLUB HEADQUARTERS

1-800-845-8281

membership@betaclub.org

HOW BETA CLUB WORKS

MY SCHOOL CLUB



SCHOOL PRINCIPAL | SCHOOL SPONSOR | MEMBERS | SCHOOL OFFICERS

STATE LEVEL



STATE COUNCIL | STATE SPONSOR | SCHOOL CLUBS | STATE OFFICERS

NATIONAL LEVEL



NATIONAL BOARD | NATIONAL OFFICIALS | STATE CLUBS | NATIONAL OFFICERS



ACHIEVEMENT

LEADERSHIP

CHARACTER

SERVICE

WRITE YOUR RESPONSE

How can I give back to my community ?

How do I inspire others to follow my example?

How do my actions impact others?

How do I measure success?

BRAINSTORM

WAYS TO HELP MY SCHOOL

THE POWER OF ONE MEMBER



WAYS TO HELP MY COMMUNITY

WAYS TO IMPROVE MYSELF

CONVENTION LOCATIONS



SENIOR

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Ohio
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- West Virginia

JUNIOR

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Ohio
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- West Virginia

NATIONAL JUNIOR CONVENTION

NATIONAL SENIOR CONVENTION

Download your state convention handbook

betaclub.org/events

Experience the Energy







Beta holds annual state conventions in 18 states, including 18 Senior Beta and 18 Junior Beta state conventions—and winners of these state events go on to compete on a national level. Activities range from academic contests to quiz bowls to talent competitions. Conventions give members the opportunity to interact, share project ideas and showcase their academic and leadership abilities. Plus, the conventions are held in exciting locations, giving members the chance to see cities and places they might not ordinarily have the opportunity to see.

SCHOLARSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES



Even for students as accomplished as our members, paying for college likely won't be an easy task. But Beta could be a huge help. In fact, the National Beta Club Scholarship Program offers over $300,000 in scholarships to outstanding Beta members in their senior year. Over 275 scholarships are awarded each year, ranging in value from $1,000 to $15,000. Incredibly, since 1991, Beta has awarded more than $5 million in scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY

12th grade students who are active National Beta Club members and duly registered with the national headquarters as of June 30, prior to their senior year, are eligible to apply and participate in the scholarship competition.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of National Beta Club Scholarship winners is based on a number of factors with special emphasis on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, commendable character, school and community service, as well as participation in National Beta Club activities

TO APPLY GO TO:

betaclub.org/scholarship

OFFICIAL BETA Gear



DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW YOUR BETA PRIDE BY PURCHASING THE NEWEST OFFICIAL NATIONAL BETA CLUB MERCHANDISE. GO TO SHOP.BETACLUB.ORG TO CHECK OUT OUR LATEST STYLES!

SHOP.BETACLUB.ORG

BE A LEADER

SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP



SENIOR CAMP | July 23-27, 2016

JUNIOR CAMP | July 25-29, 2016

GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

BE A MOTIVATED • BE A INSPIRED • BE A CHANGED



STAY CONNECTED

STAY INSPIRED

- **LEAD YOUR PEERS**
  - Inspire your friends by telling them about Beta Club
  - Motivate others by your positive actions.
  - Be the change in your community in order to make the world a better place.

- **FIND US ON FACEBOOK and TWITTER**
  - Post a comment about your Beta Club experiences
  - Share with others how you are changing your community
  - Exchange ideas with Betas from around the world

- **SPREAD THE WORD**
  - If you know someone who may be interested in learning more about Beta Club? Send a message to leadership@betaclub.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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