

Woodland Middle School National Junior Beta Club

Sponsor

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Mission Statement

The Woodland Middle School National Junior 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.

Who qualifies for membership in the WMS JUNIOR BETA CLUB?

Seventh and eighth grade students with a grade point average of 3.5 or above (End of the Year Average from the 08-09 school year), who also exemplify strong character, and have maintained role model behavior (No behavioral referrals) throughout the last school year are eligible to apply for membership. Sixth grade students who are current members of Junior Beta Clubs from an elementary school will be allowed to transfer membership into the WMS Junior Beta Club. New sixth grade members will be eligible for membership in the spring the current school year.

What are the requirements of membership?

Each member must attend at least two-thirds of our monthly meetings and participate in at least two service projects. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in as many projects as possible since this is the key to leadership development within our organization. Academic progress and behavioral records will be checked each grading period in order for students to maintain active membership.

What are the dues for members?

There is a one-time fee of \$30 collected prior to induction. This includes a national induction fee, local dues, and club t-shirt. Local dues are payable at the beginning of each year of membership and are used to pay for club expenses during the year, while the national induction fee is a one-time fee. You may wish to explore the National Beta Club website at www.betaclub.org to learn more about the benefits that are included in the induction fee.

Transfer members will only pay the annual local dues of \$18, which includes a club t-shirt.

How do I apply for membership?

If the final report card from the sixth or seventh grade reflects a 3.5 grade point average, and you desire to fulfill the Beta Club participation and service requirements, please complete the attached application form and ask two teachers to complete the attached recommendation forms. At least one of the recommending teachers should be from last year, unless you are new to Woodland Middle School. If you are new to WMS, please give each form to a current teacher.

Transfer applicants (from other schools or elementary schools) are required to also fill out the applications and recommendation forms, submit a copy of last year's report card, and a copy of the membership card. The final report card from the 07-08 school year must also reflect a 3.5 grade point average.

Applications and teacher recommendations must be given directly to Ms. Lashone Smith (Room 813) or placed in their mailbox in the office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009.

How will I know I have been accepted into the Beta Club?

Invitations for accepted students will be distributed during homeroom on Thursday, October 16, 2009.

National Junior Beta Club Student Application Form ~ Woodland Middle School

Directions: Complete all sections - please print legibly. As soon as possible, write your name and recommending teachers' names on the next page and give the recommendation forms to your teachers. Give your teachers plenty of time to complete the form before **4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009** deadline! Please note that your completion of this form does NOT guarantee an invitation to membership. A grade point average of at least 3.5 on last year's final report card, combined with strong faculty recommendations, and your WMS discipline records are the most important criteria for membership.

Section 1 – Administrative Information

Applicant's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Applicant's E-mail address (if any): _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

Name of Homeroom Teacher: _____

VERY IMPORTANT ~ Names of the two teachers who will be submitting recommendations for you:

Recommending Teacher: _____ Recommending Teacher: _____

Section 2 – Activities and Awards

We recognize that you are in middle school and your list of activities and awards may be short at this point in your life however, it is important for you to begin thinking about the importance of participating in activities that will demonstrate to others that you have potential for success. These activities should demonstrate strong moral character and scholarship, along with a service orientation, and leadership potential.

School Activities & Awards: List all school activities in which you have participated during elementary and middle school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc, and list major accomplishments in each. List any school awards that you have received.

Community Activities & Awards: List other activities (not listed above) in which you have participated. For example: church groups, community athletic teams, non-school clubs such as Boy or Girl Scouts, other community organizations, etc., and list major accomplishments/awards in each.

Students and Parent/Guardian Statements:

I grant permission for the Beta Club Faculty Review Committee to review my final report card from last year to determine if my final grade point average was at least a 3.5. I understand that upon review of my application, my teacher recommendations, final report card, and discipline record, I MAY be given an invitation to join the Woodland Middle Junior Beta Club. I understand that invitations will be distributed during homeroom on October 16th.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I have read the information provided by my son/daughter on this form and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation. I understand that my son/daughter MAY receive an invitation to join the WMS Jr. Beta Club during homeroom on October 3, and that if he/she wishes to accept the invitation, that he/she must submit the induction sheet and \$30 national and local dues no later than October 9, 2008. I understand that no exceptions will be made for accepting these items after October 9, 2008.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Applicant: Please cut on dotted lines, **place your name and the teacher's name on each recommendation form**, and give to one of your core teachers from this year, and to one of your core teachers from last year. If you are new to WMS this year, give each form to a current academic teacher.

.....cut here

Teacher Recommendation for Student Applying to the WMS Beta Club

Student, write your name here:

Name of Teacher: _____

Subject: _____

Please rate the following categories with a "1" = very low, "3" = average, and "5" = commendable.

Category Rating

Moral Integrity (Has no record of cheating or intentional dishonesty.) _____

Service Orientation (Willing to help others in our school community.) _____

Industrious Attitude (Willing to go the extra mile) _____

Leadership Potential (Is a role model to peers. Upholds school ideals.) _____

Additional Comments:

Teacher Signature: _____

Please place this recommendation form in Ms. Lashone Smith's Box by 4:00pm on October 9, 2009.

Do NOT return this form to the student/applicant.

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