

National Beta Club – Lower Richland High School Chapter

The National Beta Club recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, fosters leadership skills, grants scholarships, and provides settings for our students to develop interpersonal relationship skills.

Lower Richland High School Senior Beta Club Requirements for Induction:

Students must be in or entering 10th–12th grade. Students in 12th grade are not eligible for induction. Students must have a weighted 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher prior to application to the LRHS Senior Beta Club.

Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 weighted GPA to remain an active member.

- Students who fail to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA will be placed on academic probation for one semester. Students who have not achieved and maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA by the end of the probation period will be dismissed from the Senior Beta Club; national membership will be inactivated.
- Students dismissed from Senior Beta Club because of failure to maintain academic requirements may reapply as a new member during any academic school year after the probation period has ended, provided the 3.0 weighted GPA standard is met.

Service and Leadership Requirements for Members:

Students should actively participate in non-profit community organizations.

Students must actively participate in Senior Beta Club events, meetings, and projects.

- Students who miss more than **two** meetings without prior approval from the sponsors will be placed on probation.
- Students must complete at least **10 hours** of community service each school year, 5 of which must be by the beginning of the spring semester and summer. These hours must be completed before the Fall Induction Ceremony. Failure to complete these hours will result in probation and/or expulsion from the club.
- Students who fail to maintain any of the above service and leadership requirements may be dismissed from the Senior Beta Club.

Character Requirements for Members:

Student's behavior should be exemplary in the classroom, at school, and while representing LRHS Beta club.

- Any student with a discipline referral or with an ABE referral is not eligible for membership. Any active member who accumulates a discipline referral will be expelled from the Senior Beta Club; national membership will be inactivated.
- Students dismissed from Senior Beta Club because of failure to maintain character requirements will have their national membership inactivated and will not be allowed to reapply for future membership.

Lower Richland High School Beta Club Application:

Eligible students must complete the application using only blue or black ink.

- ❖ Signed Membership Agreement
- ❖ Completed application form
- ❖ Required student/parent signatures
- ❖ Two teacher recommendations
- **National Fee:** New members are required to pay an induction & membership fee of **\$32.00** upon acceptance. This money is required by the National Beta Club organization for pins, certificates, and membership.
- **Local Fee:** The LRHS Beta club requires an annual membership fee of **\$28.00**, which is required for a club shirt and club supplies.
- Annual membership fees are due in the fall of each year.

I have read and understand the qualifications and requirements for Senior Beta:

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

National Senior Beta Club Application Form for Lower Richland High School

Directions: Complete all sections – please print legibly. As soon as possible, write your name and recommending teachers’ names on the last page and give the recommendation forms to your teachers. Allow teachers plenty of time to complete the form before the **September 11th deadline!** Please note that your completion of this form **does NOT** guarantee an invitation to membership.

Section 1 – Administrative Information

Applicant’s Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Address: _____

Shirt Size _____ Cell Number: _____ (Group Messaging)

Applicant’s School Email: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent Telephone Number: _____

Parent email _____

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 may not have an extensive list of activities and awards; 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 and Awards: List all school activities in which you have participated during high school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and list major accomplishments in each. List any school awards that you have received. (9th graders, refer to Middle School)

Community Activities and 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 Scouts or Girl Scouts, other community organizations, etc., and list any major accomplishments/awards in each.

Section 3 – Written Response

Write a 100 – 150 word response in your own words about why you want to be a Senior Beta Club member and what contributions you can make to the club. **Must be handwritten, not typed.**

Section 4 – Student and Parent/Guardian Statements:

I grant permission for the LRHS Beta club sponsors to review any transcripts, records, and discipline reports to determine my eligibility for membership in the Lower Richland High School Beta Club. I understand that upon review of my application, my teacher recommendations, and my official records, I MAY be given an invitation to join the LRHS Beta Club. I understand that I will be notified of acceptance ASAP. I also understand that if I choose to accept the invitation, I must submit the \$32 non-refundable induction fees to Mrs. Martin in Room H-142, and that no exceptions will be made, even in the case of my absence from school on that day.

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 LRHS Beta Club, and if he/she wishes to accept the invitation, he/she must submit the \$32 non-refundable induction fee to Mrs. Martin (9/11/24). I understand that no exceptions, including absence, will be made for accepting these items.

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

Student Applicant: Please place your name and the teacher’s name on each recommendation form. For **9th graders**, give a form to **one** of your **core** teachers from this school year. For **10th-11th graders**, give a form to current teacher and a teacher from last year.

Teacher Recommendation for Student Applying to LRHS Beta Club

Student, write your name here: _____

Name of teacher: _____ Subject: _____

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

Category

Rating

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

Classroom Behavior (Makes positive contributions to your classroom) _____

Industrious Attitude (Willing to go the extra mile) _____

Role Model (Is an outstanding role model to peers. Upholds school ideals) _____

Additional Comments:

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Applicant: Please place your name and the teacher's name on each recommendation form.

Teacher Recommendation for Student Applying to LRHS Beta Club

Student, write your name here: _____

Name of teacher: _____ Subject: _____ Please rate the following categories: "1" = very low, "3" = average, and "5" = commendable.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Moral Integrity (Has no record of cheating or intentional dishonesty)	_____
Classroom Behavior (Makes positive contributions to your classroom)	_____
Industrious Attitude (Willing to go the extra mile)	_____
Role Model (Is an outstanding role model to peers. Upholds school ideals)	_____

Additional Comments:

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Proposed Meeting Dates & Events(Subject to Change)

ALL MEETINGS ARE 3:20-4:00 in K-Auditorium; PLEASE REPORT ON TIME

Various Volunteer Opportunities

9/6/23 Opening Meeting

Business: Beta Dues Pay dues \$50(New) \$28(Returning); Beta Curriculum; New meeting schedule dates, time, and location; By-Laws; Point System; Service Hours; Leadership Summit; Communication

>>9/13/23: Officer's Meeting<<

9/15/23

Activity: "The Name Thing"

Objective: Betas will learn more about each other and discuss the importance of respecting one another.

Business: Go Lime Day/Game for Mental Health Awareness;
Collect Club Dues Pay dues \$50(New) \$28(Returning)

9/20/23 All Dues Collected

Activity: "Zoom"

Objective: Betas will talk about how mistakes are great moments and discuss how to overcome the fear of making mistakes.

Business: Pay dues \$50(New) \$28(Returning); Grandparent's Day(Volunteers maybe needed)

10/4/23

Activity: "Detective"

Objective: Facilitate conversations about how positive energy impacts productivity and what you want your legacy to be.

Business: Finalize Leadership Summit Trip; State Convention

>>10/11/23: Officer's Meeting<<

10/18/23

Activity: "Find the Leader"

Objective: Discuss anxiety management
Reflections from the Leadership Summit

Business: State Convention; Induction Ceremony Preparation [11/17/2023]

Attire for ALL: Khaki Bottoms, White Button Tops, Casual Shoes

Attire for Males: Dark Neckties, dress shoes

No Slides. No sneakers. No Crocs



11/1/23

Activity: "Data Processing"

Objective: Facilitate conversations about communication

Business: Operation Christmas Child; State Convention; Induction Ceremony Preparation

Your Choice Fundraising Event: Dominoes BOGO or Souvenir Cup Fundraiser
(10 order minimum per member)

>>11/8/23: Officer's Meeting<<

11/15/23

Activity: "Lifeline"

Objective: facilitate conversations about the importance of listening to enjoy.

Business: Operation Christmas Child Final Collection Day; Christmas Party Sign-up; Secret Santa; FINAL Rehearsal for Induction Ceremony

11/17/23 INDUCTION CEREMONY 11:45-1:00PM

- **Attire for ALL: Khaki Bottoms, White Button Tops, Dark Casual Shoes/Boots**
- **Attire for Males: Dark Neckties, dress shoes**
- **Casual Dress Shoes: No Slides. No sneakers. No Crocs**

12/13/23

Activity: "Number Tap"

Objective: Facilitate conversations about specific and measurable goals.

Business: State Convention Registration Fee Due (\$30.00)

Christmas Party and Secret Santa Reveal (Date, Time, Location to be determined)

>>01/10/24 Officers Meeting<<

**Please note in order to prepare for the convention we may have to meet more frequently in January

January 17, 2024

Activity: "Straw Challenge"

Objective: Facilitate conversations about minimizing drama and maximizing support.

Business: Kick-Off "Souper Bowl of Caring": Transitions of Columbia, SC

A Needs List will be provided at a later date.

State Convention [February 9, 2024]

January 31, 2024-February 8, 2024

WE WILL BE IN CONVENTION MODE. DEPENDING ON WHAT WE ARE SUBMITTING, WE WILL NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK!!! LOOK FOR COMMUNICATION ABOUT IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND UPDATES.

***State Convention [February 9, 2024]
Myrtle Beach, SC (Day Trip)***

>>02/14/24 Officers Meeting<<

February 21, 2024

Activity: "Hoop, There It Is"

Objective: Facilitate conversations about want to's and have to's.

Business: Souper Bowl of Caring Updates; Shoe Drive Briefing Report

Reflections: State Convention

March 13, 2024

Activity: "Hands Down"

Objective: Facilitate conversations about how to change the chatter in our lives and how to overcome it.

Business: Officer Nominations for 2024-25; Shoe Drive; Recruitment for 2024-25 School Year

>>03/27/24 Officers Meeting<<

>>4/10/24 Officers Meeting<<

April 17, 2024

Activity: "20 Count"

Objective: Facilitate conversations about leadership.

Business: Vote for 2024-25 Officers; Shoe Drive

April 24, 2024

Activity: "Figure it Out"

Objective: Discuss the importance of guidance

Business: Prepare for Community Shoe Drive Event

Saturday, April 27, 2024 DRIVE-BY SHOE DRIVE EVENT

9-2PM

May 15, 2024: FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR

End of Year Report, Service Hours, and Reflections

Upcoming Summer Events/Meetings

The Beta Awards & Senior Day

Recruitment for 2024-25 School Year