



The National Junior Beta Club ~ West Millbrook Middle School 2011 - Information Sheet & Application for Prospective Members

What is the BETA CLUB?

The 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 WMMS JUNIOR BETA CLUB?

Seventh and eighth grade students with a grade point average of 3.5 (a minimal average of half A's and half B's in one and two semester courses), who also exemplify strong character, and have maintained role model behavior throughout the last school year (no administrative referrals or periods in in-school or out-of-school suspension) are eligible to apply for membership in the West Millbrook Junior Beta Club.

What are the requirements of membership?

Each member must attend at least two-thirds of our monthly meetings (held at 7:45 a.m., generally on the second Wednesday of the month), 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. For additional information, go to our Beta Club web page at:

http://wmms.net/students/beta_club.htm

What are the dues for members?

There is a one-time fee of \$20 collected prior to induction. This includes a \$15 national induction fee, and \$5 local dues. Local dues are payable at the beginning of each year of membership and are used to pay for club expenses during the year, which includes a "Welcome to the Club" Pizza Party, held in November in conjunction with our annual Shoebox Service Project.. 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.

How do I apply for membership?

If your 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 West Millbrook. If you are new to WMMS, please give one form to a core teacher and the other to an elective or healthful living teacher. Also, if you are new to WMMS, please submit a copy of your final report card from last year.

Applications must be given directly to Mrs. Walters in Room 211, no later than noon a.m. on Monday, October 3, 2010.

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

Invitations for accepted students will be distributed during **First Period** on Wednesday, October 5. After invitations are distributed, please return your induction sheet and dues to Mrs. Walters between October 10 & 19. (Check your invitation and the website for the date of induction.)

National Junior Beta Club Student Application Form ~ West Millbrook Middle School

Directions: Complete all sections - please print legibly. As soon as possible, write your name and recommending teacher names on the next page and give the recommendation forms to your teachers. Give your teachers plenty of time to complete the form before the noon, October 3 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 very good faculty recommendations, are the most important criteria for membership.

Section 1 – Administrative Information

Applicant's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

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

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

Name of **First Period** 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, and final report card, I MAY be given an invitation to join the West Millbrook Junior Beta Club. I attest to the fact that I am a good role model to my peers and had no administrative referrals or periods in in-school or out-of-school suspension last school year. I understand that invitations will be distributed during E&R/Literacy on October 5. I also understand that if I wish to accept the invitation, that I must submit my induction sheet and \$20 national and local fees no later than Wednesday, October 19, and that no exceptions will be made, even in the case of my absence from school on October 19.

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 WMMS Jr. Beta Club during **First Period** on October 5, and that if he/she wishes to accept the invitation, that he/she must submit the induction sheet and \$20 national and local dues between October 10 and October 19 (Mrs. Walters will be absent on October 6&7.) I understand that no exceptions will be made for accepting these items after October 19, including my child's absence from school that day.

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

Applications should be placed in Mrs. Walters' mailbox, or given directly to her no later than Monday, October 3 at 8:05 a.m.

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 WMMS this year, give one form to a core teacher, and one form to an elective or healthful living teacher.

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Teacher Recommendation for Student Applying to the WMMS 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.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
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| 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) | _____ |
| Role Model (Is a outstanding role model to peers. Upholds school ideals.) | _____ |

Additional Comments: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Please place this recommendation form in Diane Walters' mailbox no later than 8:05 a.m., Monday 10/3
Please Do NOT return this form to the student/applicant.

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Teacher Recommendation for Student Applying to the WMMS 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.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Rating</u> |
|--|---------------|
| 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 Diane Walters' mailbox no later than 8:05 a.m., Monday, 10/3.
Please Do NOT return this form to the student/applicant.