



# THE NATIONAL BETA CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

## 2013 NOMINATION & APPLICATION INFORMATION

*The National Beta Club is an academic, leadership and service organization for students in grades 5-12. Its purpose is to stimulate effort, reward achievement, and to encourage and assist its members to continue their education after high school. The National Beta Club provides a strong educational foundation for each student through its encouragement of academic achievement and service to others.*

### **General Information**

The National Beta Club offers a college scholarship program for outstanding senior Beta Club members. This competitive program is open to members who best exemplify the club's goals of academic excellence, leadership and school/community service. Each chapter may nominate two (2) senior members to compete for two hundred twenty-six (226) scholarships. Two hundred twenty-one (221) winners will receive \$1,000 awards. The top five (5) winners will receive National Awards valued at up to \$15,000. The five National Award winners will be announced at the National Convention. A Beta Club scholarship winner must attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the United States.

### **Program Administration**

All phases of the scholarship competition, including the selection of semifinalists and winners, are administered by Scholarship & Recognition Programs (SRP), a unit of Educational Testing Service (ETS), located in Princeton, New Jersey.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Senior high school students who are active senior Beta Club Members and duly registered with the National headquarters as of June 30, 2012 may be nominated by their Beta Club Chapter to participate in the scholarship competition.

### **Standardized Test Information** *(note deadlines)*

All applicants must submit standardized test scores to the scholarship competition in order to be considered for an award. Both ACT and SAT scores are accepted. The December 2012 administrations are the last test dates from which scores can be submitted. Exact test dates and registration deadlines are indicated below.

	<b><u>Last Test Date Accepted</u></b>	<b><u>Registration Deadline</u></b>
ACT:	December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012
SAT:	December 1, 2012	November 1, 2012

Registration information is available at your high school, or online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org), respectively. Scholarship applicants should enter code 9867 in the "Reporting to Colleges and Scholarship Programs" section of the registration form in order to report scores to the scholarship program.

Applicants who have already taken either the ACT or SAT and do not plan on retaking either test before December 2012 must request release of their standardized test scores to the scholarship competition. More information on ordering additional score reports can be found by visiting these web pages:

ACT: <http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/index.html>

SAT: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-sat-scores>

Applicants must enter code 9867 when requesting an additional score report to release scores to the scholarship competition. *You may also have your guidance counselor or school official report your scores as part of your application, in lieu of requesting a score report from the testing agency.*

### **Selection Criteria**

Selection of The National Beta Club Scholars is based on a number of factors, with special emphasis on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, character, and school/community service.

The selection of scholars will be made by an appointed committee of admission & financial aid professionals who are experienced in the evaluation of scholarship candidates and the selection of qualified recipients.

### **Selection Process**

Selection of The National Beta Club Scholars will be as follows:

#### **Phase I – Nomination**

A nomination procedure will be implemented to allow each school with an active Beta Club chapter to select two senior Beta Club members as nominees to the scholarship competition.

#### **In order to be considered in the scholarship competition, nominees will be required to:**

- ***complete and submit an application/nomination form.***
- ***take either the ACT or SAT and forward their scores to Scholarship & Recognition Programs.***
- ***submit an official high school transcript.***
- ***have their guidance counselor (or other school official with access to student records) complete the School Information & Evaluation form and submit an official high school transcript.***
- ***have their Beta Club Sponsor complete the Sponsor Recommendation Form.*** This form will allow the Beta Club Sponsor to write a brief recommendation/evaluation of the nominee.
- ***have two (2) individuals complete Candidate Evaluation Forms on their behalf.*** The evaluation forms should be completed by two different types of people (e.g.: teacher and scout master) who are familiar with the nominee's academic, work, and community accomplishments
- ***send the \$10 fee for their scholarship entry.***

**All applications must be submitted no later than 11:59PM Eastern time on December 15, 2012.** Refer to the next page for additional details regarding the application process for the 2013 competition.

#### **Phase II – Selection of Semifinalists**

SRP will identify approximately 350 semifinalists based on Beta Club involvement & leadership, standardized test scores, and junior year rank-in-class. Semifinalists will be notified by mail no later than March 1.

#### **Phase III – Selection of State & National Winners**

An independent selection panel will review the application materials submitted by the semifinalists. Each semifinalist's materials will be reviewed separately by two members of the selection committee, who will each assign a rating to the candidate. The two ratings will be combined to produce a priority score which will be used to identify 226 candidates as potential winners. Two hundred twenty-one (221) winners will receive \$1,000. The top five (5) winners will receive National Awards valued at up to \$15,000. All National Beta Club Scholars will be invited to the 2013 National Convention in Mobile, Alabama.

## **Application Process**

Nominees will apply for the 2013 scholarship competition by completing an online application, which can be accessed at <https://www.applysrp.com/ets/applyNow.jsf?foppID=51> – note that this is a secure website, so nominees must include the ‘https’ at the front of the URL in order to access the application.

Nominees should have the following information available when completing the online application:

- **The name and e-mail address of the nominating Beta Club Sponsor** - Sponsors will need to access the ApplySRP system to provide a recommendation statement to support their nomination.
  
- **The name and e-mail address of the nominees’ guidance counselor** – a guidance counselor (or school official with access to student records) will need to access the ApplySRP system to enter information about the nominee’s academic performance. Nominees should provide information for a specific person, not a generic name/e-mail address. (Nominees may provide their Beta Club Sponsor's information if they have access to student records.)
  
- **Names & contact information for references** - two Candidate Evaluation forms are required to supplement the application:
  - One recommendation should be provided by a guidance counselor, teacher, or school official who is familiar with the nominee’s academic work
  - The other recommendation may come from a similar academic source, or from a personal contact (*not a friend, classmate, or family member*) that has knowledge of the nominee’s activities outside the classroom (e.g. extracurricular activities, community service, work experience, etc.)

Individuals identified as references will be granted access the ApplySRP system to complete Candidate Evaluation forms on the nominee’s behalf.

*Nominees may provide physical (mailing) addresses for references that do not have ready access to e-mail; if a physical address is provided, the nominee must obtain a copy of the Candidate Evaluation Form from their Beta Club Sponsor and provide it to the reference. Instructions are provided on the form.*

Nominees can save their progress and log out of the application at any point following creation of the Applicant Profile. To return to a previously-started application, nominees should log into their account at <https://www.applysrp.com> and follow the instructions on the home page.

**The online application will close at 11:59pm Eastern time on December 15, 2012;** nominees must submit their applications before the application closes in order to be considered for an award. Supporting materials will be due by the date indicated on the respective forms.

*Please note: a limited number of paper applications are available to accommodate nominees with computer/internet access issues. Please contact M-D November of ETS Scholarship & Recognition Programs at 609-243-6549 or [mnovember@ets.org](mailto:mnovember@ets.org) for information.*

## **Questions**

Beta Club Sponsors may contact M-D November of ETS Scholarship & Recognition Programs with any questions regarding the application process or selection of winners. Mr. November can be reached at (609) 243-6549 or [mnovember@ets.org](mailto:mnovember@ets.org).

Nominees with questions should be directed to SRP’s Contact Center, which can be reached at (609) 771-7878 or [SRP-CSR@ets.org](mailto:SRP-CSR@ets.org).

**Confidentiality**

*All materials submitted to support an application in The National Beta Club Scholarship competition are used only in the selection process. If a student is named as a scholarship recipient, their folder will remain in active status during the period the scholarship is in force and will be retained for one year thereafter. All records are confidential and are available for reference by SRP and, as appropriate, The National Beta Club.*

*By signing and submitting a scholarship application, the nominee expressly consents to permit ETS, (and its third party service providers,) and The National Beta Club to transfer among themselves, and to use, the information, including personal information, submitted with the application, solely for the purposes stated herein.*