

MARBURY HIGH  
SCHOOL

BETA CLUB  
CONSTITUTION

### **The Beta Club 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 the National Beta 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.

### **The Beta Motto**

“Let us lead by serving others.”

### **The Beta Colors**

Black and gold

# CONSTITUTION

## Article I

### Name

The name of this organization shall be the Marbury High School Chapter of the National Beta Club.

## Article II

### Affiliation and Coordination

This chapter of the National Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of the National Beta Club, and shall be governed by the academic and financial policies laid down in the National Constitution of the central organization of the National Beta Club. Its coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the national organization of the National Beta Club.

## Article III

### Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at Marbury High School.

## Article IV

### Membership

The membership of this organization shall be made up from among the students of the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades of Marbury High School, who because of their worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude have been approved for membership by the executive head of the Marbury High School; provided of course, that these students meet the requirements as set forth in the by-laws of this organization as appended herein below.

## **Article V**

### **Officers**

The officers of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be:

#### President

The duties of president shall be to preside at the meetings; to appoint the committees of the chapter (unless otherwise provided for in the by-laws); to represent this organization when necessary, and to administer the policies as laid down in this constitution.

#### Vice-President

The duties of the Vice-President shall be: to preside at the meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office; and to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter serving on such committees as are designated in the by-laws.

#### Secretary

The duties of the secretary shall be to record the minutes of the meetings and to carry on the necessary club correspondence.

#### Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to assist the sponsor in all financial matters pertaining to this organization, and to pass on to the treasurer succeeding him/her all records and funds remaining in the treasury.

The elected officers must have attended the previous year's state convention.

## **Article VI**

### **Meetings**

Regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as shall be designated in the by-laws. The president may call special meetings after consultation with and the approval of the executive committee and the faculty sponsor of the club. The public may be invited to attend any regular or special meetings of this organization if approved by majority vote at any previous meeting with a quorum present.

## **Article VII**

### **Service**

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to Marbury High School and its students, by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this chapter of the National Beta Club shall, after consultation with and upon the approval of the executive head of the high school, undertake some worthwhile service project as designated in the by-laws appended herein below.

## **Article VIII**

### **Amending the Constitution**

The constitution of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any meeting where a quorum is present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting and the amendment does not conflict with the policies of Marbury High School.

## **BY-LAWS OF THE MARBURY CHAPTER BETA CLUB OF THE NATIONAL BETA CLUB**

## **Article I**

### **Time and Place of Meeting**

The time and place of meetings of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be decided upon only after consultation with, and approval of the executive head of Marbury High School.

## **Article II**

### **Quorum**

A quorum of this organization shall be constituted by a majority of the membership. No action may be taken as a discussion of a means of taking in new members; the presentations of a program, etc. may be carried on at a regular or special meeting without a quorum being present.

## **Article III**

### **Standards of Membership**

Standards of membership in the Marbury High School chapter of the National Beta Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the National Constitution and in all cases must be recommended by the faculty and approved by the executive head of the high school. All students must complete at least one semester of schooling at Marbury High School, however a student may transfer membership from another chapter. The classes from which members may be drawn shall be tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. The scholastic requirements in the chapter of the National Beta Club shall be to maintain a "B" average in all classes. An eligible student will be issued an invitation to the Beta Club only once during his/her high school years.

## **Article IV**

### **Induction of Member**

Induction of new members into the membership of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Any pre-induction initiation activity must be submitted to and approved by the executive head of the Marbury High School. It must not be of a nature to cause physical pain or mental embarrassment to the initiate.

## **Article V**

### **Loss of Membership**

A member of this chapter of the Beta Club is required to attend all meetings. A student who misses one meeting will be placed on probation. If a student fails to attend any other meeting that year, he/she will be dismissed from the Beta Club. A member of this chapter of the National Beta Club who allows his/her grades to drop below the standard will be placed on probation for one term only. If at the end of the following term, the grades continue to be substandard, the member will be dismissed from the club. Seniors may not graduate Beta if their 2nd semester grades and/or final grades are below the standards set forth in the by-laws. Students must uphold satisfactory character traits and attitude. Cheating, stealing, lying or other behaviors deemed inappropriate will result in immediate dismissal from the Beta Club. All members are required to abide by the Autauga County Code of Conduct. Any violation of the code of conduct will result in either a warning, probation, or dismissal from the Beta Club as deemed necessary by the

administration and sponsor. All members are required to perform community services, which help benefit the club. Any member who chooses not to participate will be dismissed. A student may be permanently dropped from membership if a teacher evaluation rates the student low two consecutive semesters. If and when a member is dropped from membership, a record of this action shall be forwarded immediately to the national office of the National Beta Club.

## **Article VI**

### **Service Project**

As soon as possible after its activation in the fall semester of the school year, this chapter of the Beta Club will undertake a program of service, which will benefit to Marbury High School. This project shall be decided upon only after consultation with and upon approval of the executive head of the high school. There will be ongoing community projects throughout the year to serve the community, state, and nation. There will also be times that fundraising is a crucial part of Beta Club in order to meet the financial needs of this organization. Each member must have a minimum of 10 service hours each year.

## **Article VII**

### **Local Dues and Assessments**

The local dues of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be \$7.00 per school year. Assessments may be made upon the membership to defray the cost of special undertaking.

## **Article VIII**

### **Amending the By-laws**

The by-laws of the chapter of the National Beta Club may be amended by a majority vote of the membership, provided such proposed amendment is placed before the club at a previous meeting and it does not conflict with the policies of Marbury High School.