



CANDIDATE

PRESIDENT
VICE- PRESIDENT
SECRETARY

10th or 11th
Grade Students

The National Beta Club has three state officers that serve as ambassadors for their states and are eligible to run at the National Convention. These officers will also facilitate during the sessions of the following year's state convention. Participating as a candidate allows Betas to actively meet and greet convention attendees, seek support for office through campaign speeches and club campaign skits, and enhance personal leadership skills.



GENERAL RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** A nominee for the office of President, Vice President, and Secretary must be a tenth or eleventh grader, in good standing, officially enrolled at the National Office by the deadline date and registered at the convention. The candidate must give notice of his/her candidacy to the National Office by the deadline date, and must comply with the following rules and regulations. Each club may nominate for one office only. The club sponsors must enter the candidate online at www.betaclub.org/registration. The following rules and regulations should be read carefully. By submitting the State Officer Nomination Form, you are agreeing to abide by these rules and regulations.
2. The Sponsor(s) and the Executive Head of the candidate's school must approve the nomination.
3. If elected and later dropped from the local club, moves to a school without a charter Beta club, or if the officer is not enrolled actively in school during the entire term, the officer forfeits the right to serve as a state official. The runner-up will automatically take office. It is imperative for the elected officer to notify the National Office immediately if he/she is unable to serve.
4. Completing the registration is a pledge stating that he/she will attend all of the candidates' meeting and sessions of the Convention, including the Installation Ceremony and will fulfill all of the duties of the office the following year. This means he/she is obligated to attend all meetings and sessions both years, when nominated and when serving as a state officer. Failure to fulfill this obligation will result in the candidate forfeiting his/her opportunity to run &/or serve for state office.
5. Any violations of the following guidelines may result in the candidate losing a percentage of votes based upon the rule infraction.
6. Candidates may not take part in any phase of the convention program except for campaigning, campaign speech, and question and answer segment.



CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES

1. No handouts, balloons, food products, stickers, bands, radios, noise makers, or weapons are allowed. No chanting at anytime except during the one minute skit performance.
2. Only Betas from the candidate's club may wear campaign t-shirts at anytime during the convention.
3. Only members of the candidate's club may participate in the campaign skit. No adults onstage during the skit performance.
4. Costumes may be worn during the campaign session only. Costumes will not be allowed at any other time.
5. Candidate's slogan, movie references or the song, as performed, must not refer to alcohol, drugs, sex, race, or make use of inappropriate language.



DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

1. Candidates must wear business attire and dress shoes throughout the duration of the convention.
2. Ladies must wear either dress pants with matching or coordinating jacket, dress with matching or coordinating jacket, or skirt with matching or coordinating jacket.
3. The length of the jacket sleeve must be three-quarter to full length.
4. The length of the business suit skirt must be at the knee or longer, with a front, side or back slit no longer than 2" above the knee.
5. Men must wear a suit or jacket with dress slacks, a tie, collared dress shirt and dress shoes.
6. The candidate's hair must be a natural color.



CANDIDATE SPEECH

Time Limit: 2 minutes

1. The candidate will deliver a speech no longer than two minutes.
2. The speech should have substance and not be a list of your qualifications nor contain references to: alcohol, drugs, tobacco, guns, sex, bathroom humor, violence, race, or flirting. (i.e., "See you at the dance," or "Here's my phone number,")
3. Delivery of speech must not be suggestive in anyway. (No sexual connotations)
4. No singing, rapping, costuming, props, slides, videos, or inappropriate gestures during the speech or question and answer segment.



CANDIDATE SKIT

Time Limit: 1 minute

1. Skit participants must stop when the one minute whistle is blown. The candidate will not take part in the promotional skit.
2. The dress for participants in the skit must be appropriate.
3. No balloons, hay, confetti, or fire in the skits. Nothing may be thrown from the stage into the audience.
4. The candidate and skit participants must remain on the stage during the entirety of the skit.
5. The candidate's skit, slogan, movie references, or the chosen song, as performed, must not refer to alcohol, drugs, sex, race or make use of inappropriate language.
6. No inappropriate dance moves or gestures.
7. Tumbling passes and cheerleading stunts are not allowed.
8. Guns, nor the portrayal of guns, are permitted.
9. Wood or metal may not be used in the construction of backdrops. However, bottom backdrop bases used to transport backdrops may consist of wood &/or metal. Props (table, chairs, etc.) made of wood or metal may be used.
10. Only portable choral risers may be used to elevate participants.
11. Constructed platforms, scaffolding, and ladders are prohibited.



QUESTION AND ANSWER SEGMENT

Time Limit: 30 seconds

1. All candidates will draw from a pool of questions.
2. Timing starts after the question has been read.



VOTING PROCEDURES

Electronic voting will be used at convention. Pre-registered members will vote using his/her membership number that is printed on the convention badge. Members that register onsite or who do not have a printed membership number will come to an area that is TBA during voting time. Voting will be by candidate name as printed in the program.

If there are infractions of the above stated candidate rules, a deduction of votes will occur as follows:

75% of votes per rule infraction

Skit, Speech, and slogan must not refer to alcohol, drugs, sex, race, or make use of inappropriate language.

Obscene dress or removal of clothing while on stage.

25% of votes per rule infraction:

All other infractions.

* A committee made up of the State Council will rule on any loss of vote total of a candidate.



- Visit www.betaclub.org/registration and follow directions.
- Please provide all information on candidate in the provided fields.
- Indicate that the candidate has read the pledge to office and will abide by all rules.
- The entry must be completed and submitted by the deadline date.