



**Beta Beta Beta**

BIOLOGICAL HONOR SOCIETY



# TriBeta 101: Orientation

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# TriBeta General Information

- ▶ Chapter Announcements sent beginning of Fall & Spring semesters.
  - ▶ <https://www.tribeta.org/announcements>
- ▶ Chapter Forms & Files - One-stop resource for important forms and files
  - ▶ <https://www.tribeta.org/forms-files>
- ▶ Can induct members at any time.
  - ▶ Some chapters do twice per year, Fall and Spring.
  - ▶ Others elect for only once per year, typically Spring.
  - ▶ Others invite new members in Fall and have 1 induction ceremony for Fall & Spring members once per year.
- ▶ All memberships are processed through My Honor Society.
  - ▶ Chapters no longer collect the one-time national membership dues.
  - ▶ Students will pay their dues online through the email invitation they receive.
  - ▶ <https://tribeta.myhonorsociety.com/>
- ▶ [Constitution](#) & [Rituals Booklet](#) - available for download





# Membership Benefits

TriBeta connects members with a community of biology students and numerous other benefits.

-  Opportunities for grants and research scholarships
-  Ability to apply for research-based awards
-  Present at district/regional and national conventions
-  Subscription to BIOS, an online biology journal
-  Opportunities to submit undergraduate research in BIOS
-  Leadership Opportunities
-  Ability to participate in TriBeta events
-  Access to contests held by TriBeta



# Fall Semester - Things to Know

## ▶ Research Grant Applications

- ▶ Every Fall, posted by Sept 1
- ▶ Deadline to apply Sept 30
- ▶ Regular or promoted members are eligible to apply for funding
- ▶ Funding notifications sent mid-October
- ▶ Grant checks mail out by early November
- ▶ <https://www.tribeta.org/research-grant-submission>

## ▶ Bertholf Award Applications

- ▶ Application to be considered for the Outstanding Chapter of the Year
- ▶ Posted in Fall, mid Sept
- ▶ Deadline to apply Nov 1
- ▶ Cover the previous academic year chapter/member activities
- ▶ <https://www.tribeta.org/bertholf-award>



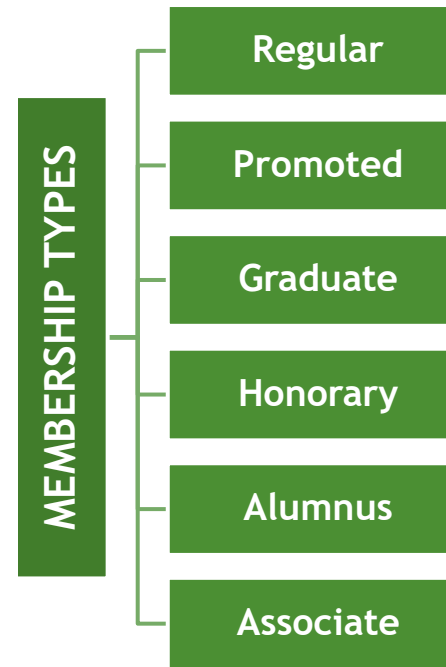
# Spring Semester - Things to Know

- ▶ District Convention Travel Grant Applications
  - ▶ Every Spring (Started Spring 2023) posted/emailed by February 1
  - ▶ Deadline to apply February 28
  - ▶ Research Grant recipients from prior Fall eligible to apply
- ▶ District/Regional TriBeta Conventions
  - ▶ Every Spring held across 12 district/regional conventions
  - ▶ Hosted by TriBeta chapters at their campuses for most
  - ▶ Opportunity for research grant recipients to present their research to meet the funding requirements
  - ▶ Any TriBeta member can present at the conventions
  - ▶ Eligible for oral and poster presentation awards with up to \$900 in travel reimbursement to attend the next national convention for 1<sup>st</sup> place recipients
    - ▶ [Frank G. Brooks Award](#) - Oral Presentation
    - ▶ [John C. Johnson Award](#) - Poster Presentation
  - ▶ <https://www.tribeta.org/district-conventions>



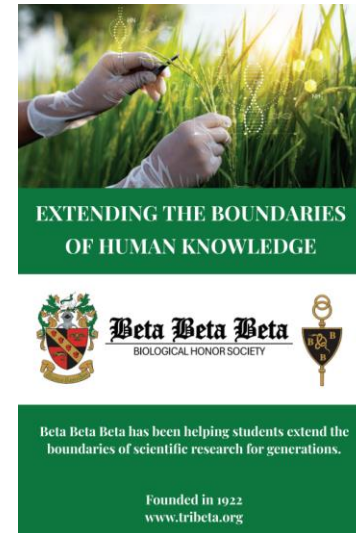
# Ways to Grow Membership

- ▶ <https://www.tribeta.org/membership>
  - ▶ Overview of benefits, eligibility requirements, and fees by type.
- ▶ Associate Level of Membership
  - ▶ Pull list of all registered students enrolled in biology courses for that term and upload to the invitation group.
  - ▶ **Anyone with an interest in life sciences can join** regardless of declared major, their academic year, GPA, or courses taken.
  - ▶ Example: 777 students invited - all enrolled in BIO classes last Fall. 10% acceptance rate and the chapter had 77 new members who will be with the chapter for 2-3 years.
- ▶ Regular membership includes more than strictly “Biology” majors
  - ▶ Majors that are allowed, but not limited to, include Biochemistry, Ecology, Environmental Science, Microbiology, Cell Biology and Neuroscience majors, as long as the specific institution requires sufficient biology courses within that focus of study. Health Science majors may be considered, depending upon the biology emphasis at an institution.



# Membership Recruitment Materials

- ▶ Membership brochures highlighting the benefits of membership available at no charge.
- ▶ Order My Honor Society → My Chapter → Supply Requests



# Chapter Merchandise & Graduation Regalia

- ▶ Members can order graduation regalia when they join on MHS and these items are sent to the chapter with all member materials.
- ▶ Chapters can order merchandise (apparel) in bulk with a 25% discount. Contact the National Office for a promo code to be created.
- ▶ [tribeta.org/store](http://tribeta.org/store)





# Chapter Activities Ideas

## ▶ Check out Social Media of TriBeta Chapters

- ▶ @TriBetaBBB on Instagram and Facebook

- ▶ Look at the chapters we follow for awesome chapter ideas from chapters across the country!



## ▶ NMDP National Partnership

- ▶ Easy on campus or community event to host with support from NMDP representatives

- ▶ Classroom or chapter lecture series available

- ▶ **NMDP is offering a \$100 Visa gift card to the first 10 TriBeta chapters that schedule a presentation and NMDP registry event between now and September 30th, 2024.**

- ▶ To sign up, just fill out [this form](#) to get connected with NMDP staff who covers your campus.

- ▶ [tribeta.org/partnerships](https://tribeta.org/partnerships)



# BIOS:

## A Quarterly Journal of Biology



- ▶ Continuous publication since 1930
- ▶ All online now through BioOne and JSTOR
- ▶ TriBeta members can submit for publication consideration at no charge
- ▶ Great peer-review edit/approval process experience for student members
- ▶ Opportunity to have undergraduate research published
- ▶ All TriBeta members have access to read BIOS online at no charge
- ▶ McClung Award - Annual award for best published research article by an undergraduate TriBeta member
- ▶ Reviewers Needed
  - ▶ Chapter Advisors asked to sign up to be a reviewer based on area of expertise
  - ▶ Normally asked to review less than 2 manuscripts each year
- ▶ Reviewer Registration:  
<http://www.editorialmanager.com/BIOS>
- ▶ Read BIOS:  
<https://www.tribeta.org/bios>
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