



Interpretation of The National Beta Club Emblem

The cardinal virtues of life are represented by The National Beta Club emblem. Wearing the emblem signifies the wearer is striving to live up to the standards of the organization by promoting those virtues.

The letter “B” on an ebony background surrounded by a border of gold is the most prominent feature of the emblem. This letter is the initial character of the Greek word *Bios*, which means “life.”

Life is a prerequisite to growth and progress. The National Beta Club stands for a full life—one governed by the highest principles. Adherences to, and promotion of, these qualities are subscribed to by all members as they take the pledge of membership. For only those qualities, which make for a full, honorable and useful life are in harmony with the organization’s ideals.

Above the letter “B” on the emblem there appear three stars, which represent the spiritual side of human life in the specific traits of unselfishness, honesty, and courage. Their presence at the top of the emblem is a reminder that spiritual well-being has an important place in the ideals, which are embodied in the organization.

Loyalty to country and the principles upon which it was founded are signified by an eagle with outspread wings, which stands below the letter “B.” All members of The National Beta Club pledge themselves to “a sense of responsibility to our . . . nation.” The fact is recognized that such an organization as *The National Beta Club* can exist only when one of its objectives—without embracing a narrow nationalism—is the promotion of our nation’s welfare. The presence of the eagle on the emblem attests to the fact that good citizenship is an indispensable part of all-around education, and that patriotism is one of The National Beta Club’s primary principles.

The background of ebony on which these symbols are displayed represents the dignity, restraint, and seriousness which should attend our search for knowledge and truth.

Around the emblem there is a border of gold—the gold of friendship and brotherhood, without which life would lose much of its rich and full meaning. School days, if they are encircled with the golden bonds of friendship, can be made more pleasant and fruitful, for in the presence of a friend, “All things take nobler form and look beyond the earth.”

Perfection is not a human trait, but all human beings can strive for it. The wearer of The National Beta Club emblem accepts the challenge of the world to contribute to the progress of mankind towards perfection by striving to live up to the ideals which are represented by The National Beta Club emblem.

Insignia

The National Beta Club insignia is composed of the emblem as its central feature, with two additional symbols—a knight’s head, and a lettered scroll.

The knight’s head was designed to represent nobility of personality in recognizing the inherent dignity of every human being.

Membership in The National Beta Club depends on the attributes *Achievement*, *Character* and *Leadership*—which scroll beneath the emblem.

The scroll itself is derived from usage of the symbol in heraldry, representing part of a knight’s tunic, which was ripped from him in his combat to defend the right.