



# BETA BETA BETA BIOLOGICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Chi Upsilon Chapter of The College of New Jersey

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December 2, 2020

Dear Biology Student:

We are announcing the 2021 opportunity for you to be acknowledged for academic achievement in Biology. The Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society is a national organization whose functions are to honor students of the biological sciences, to stimulate interest, scholarly attainment and investigation in the biological sciences, and to promote the dissemination of information among students of the life sciences. The College of New Jersey chapter is *Chi Upsilon* and the faculty advisors are Drs. Elliott and Thornton. Beta Beta Beta serves primarily as a service organization to the Biology Department. All members are expected to attend regular meetings and to participate fully in the chapter's service projects.

There are two membership categories at the national level for students:

- 1) **Associate Members:** Undergraduates whose interests include the life sciences in some significant way, but who are ineligible for Regular membership. One-time membership fee is \$45.00. Associate membership ends when the associate member graduates or leaves school.
- 2) **Regular Members:** Undergraduate majors in biological science who:
  - a) have completed at least one term of the sophomore year.
  - b) have completed at least 3 courses in biological science (only one course may be transfer credit from another institution; AP credit is not counted).
  - c) have a GPA in Biology of at least 3.0 (a list of all Biology courses taken must be provided).
  - d) have met the attendance and service requirements for at least one full year (attend all general business meetings and participate in at least three units of Tri-Beta sponsored service).  
\*For 2020/21 there is no minimum service requirement, but each inductee must explain how they have maintained active participation in Tri-Beta events during the pandemic.
  - e) are in good academic standing.

The lifetime membership fee for Regular members is \$55.00. (Associate members pay only \$10.00 additional to be promoted to Regular membership after meeting all of the requirements). Applicants for Regular membership (including students who currently are Associate members) should prepare: (1) a PDF of your unofficial transcript from PAWS (including grades from fall 2020) with all biology courses taken at TCNJ highlighted AND (2) a description of how you have maintained active service and participation (list events you have helped run or attended).

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Applications for 2021 induction will be handled electronically. You must fill out the [application form](#) and submit your payment through Venmo by March 14. Venmo payments can be submitted to @TCNJTriBeta with “2021 Induction” as the description. Regular membership fees are \$55, Associated membership fees are \$45, and students being promoted from Associate to Regular pay \$10. Put “Regular Member”, “Promoted Member”, or “Associate Member” in the information for the Venmo payment. If you are not able to pay the fee through Venmo, please mail your check to: TCNJ Tri-Beta, c/o Biology Department, 2000 Pennington Rd, Ewing NJ 08628. Do not mail cash, and please make sure the student name and induction level is on the memo line. Please allow extra time for your mailed payment to arrive before March 14. We are making this announcement early to allow December graduates an opportunity to apply.

The date of the induction ceremony is Friday, April 9, 2021 through Zoom. Attendance at the induction ceremony is mandatory for all members and inductees. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Sidney Strickland, who is a Research Professor, the Vice President for Educational Affairs, and Dean of Graduate and Postgraduate studies at the Rockefeller University. He studies neurovascular disorders, such as Alzheimer’s disease. You are encouraged to invite your parents and friends to attend the ceremony and keynote address; the keynote talk will be presented at a level for a general audience.

Membership in a national honor society is an impressive item to include on your resume and your application to graduate or medical school. In addition, Regular members who meet the service and attendance requirements may wear honor cords during graduation. Graduating seniors (inducted in past years or to be inducted this year) who meet the qualifications to wear honor cords may request the cords at this time. A separate [request form](#) and shipping fee is required so we can send you the honor cords. We encourage you to take this opportunity to celebrate your academic excellence in the Department of Biology by wearing the honor cord.

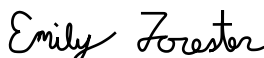
**Submit an application form with your transcript and pay the application fee by March 14.** Applicants for Regular/Promoted membership must explain their continued service and include a PDF of the unofficial PAWS transcript with fall 2020 grades. Highlight your biology courses. We will contact applicants with any problems, and we expect to notify everyone of induction status by the first week of April. Direct and questions about service to [tribeta@tcnj.edu](mailto:tribeta@tcnj.edu) and GPA requirements to the faculty advisors ([elliottk@tcnj.edu](mailto:elliottk@tcnj.edu) or [thornton@tcnj.edu](mailto:thornton@tcnj.edu) )

**Mark your calendar to attend induction on April 9 from 5:30-7 pm on Zoom.**

Please share the information in this letter with friends whom you think may also be interested. Additional applications will be available in the Biology Department office.

Thank you for considering joining Tri-Beta.

Sincerely,



Emily Forester, Chi Upsilon Chapter President



Dr. K.T. Elliott, Chi Upsilon Chapter Faculty Advisor



Dr. Leeann Thornton, Chi Upsilon Chapter Faculty Advisor

URL for Induction Application Form: <https://forms.gle/sRZtjvhwf3z4UG9v8>

URL for Honor Cord Form: <https://forms.gle/EXHCTJKZ2X9291Vy5>