



# Becoming an Advisor for Beta Theta Pi

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: *What is my commitment?***

A: Your commitment is to become an advisor to a chapter or colony of Beta Theta Pi. You will help mentor undergraduates and shape the chapter or colony's culture through meaningful interaction with up-and-coming Beta leaders.

**Q: *What are the general expectations/time commitment?***

A: We are extremely grateful that advisors willingly volunteer their time to further the Mission and Vision of Beta Theta Pi. That being said, we do want to be transparent about advisor expectations. Each advisor of Beta Theta Pi is expected to:

1. Meet/speak with your undergraduate advisee weekly (in person, phone or email)
2. Attend quarterly meetings of the advisory team (4 times per year)
3. Attend a chapter or executive committee meeting each month that students are in
4. Attend Keystone Regional Leadership Conference as often as possible (annually)
5. Serve at least a one-year term as an advisor, however multi-year service is encouraged and greatly benefits our Beta chapters and colonies

**Q: *Is there training available?***

A: Yes. Beta Theta Pi offers training opportunities for chapter advisors each year during Keystone Regional Leadership Conference. These training sessions are regionally based and are conducted over a weekend in February. Moreover, our District Chief and/or Leadership Consultant or Colony Development Coordinator would be happy to sit down with you to discuss your specific role.

**Q: *What Is the Men of Principle Initiative?***

A: *Men of Principle* is a partnership between undergraduates, alumni, and the General Fraternity to ensure long-term chapter success, which is grounded in Self-Governance and the Principles of Beta Theta Pi. To learn more about the Initiative, contact the Administrative Office at 800-800-2382 or visit the Beta website at <http://beta.org/about/men-of-principle-initiative>.

**Q: *I'm an alumnus of Beta Theta Pi, how have things changed?***

A: Depending on when you graduated, things have changed quite a bit. A look at the fraternity risk management policy should bring you up to date. Further, scanning of the *Men of Principle* Mission, Vision, and Goals will get you started. Contact the colony development coordinator on your campus or visit the Beta website at [www.beta.org](http://www.beta.org) to view these and other resources.

**Q: *Will I be insured?***

A: Yes. According to the Beta Theta Pi insurance manual, "The chapter advisor and advisory committee members while performing their duties as chapter advisors" are covered and will be provided legal defense and coverage for any costs associated with being named personally in a lawsuit. However, "any member whose illegal or intentional actions result in death or injury to an individual or property damage" will not be covered. In other words, advisors are forbidden to participate in any activities that may be considered hazing or other illegal activities. As another point of good practice, we ask that our advisors not drink alcohol with underage undergraduates.

**Q: *What does the chain of command look like? To whom do I report?***

A: Each advisory team has a chapter counselor, which is sort of like the quarterback of the advisory team. They are the direct advisor for the chapter president and are also responsible for leading the team of local advisors. Each advisor, however, ultimately still reports to the District Chief and Assistant District Chief (if applicable). District Chiefs (and assistants) are all Beta alumni and their primary job is to provide support to local advisory teams and to ensure policies of Beta Theta Pi are being properly followed. District Chiefs report to 1 of 10 Regional Chiefs that ultimately report directly to the General Secretary and Board of Trustees.

**Q: *Where can I find out more information?***

A: More information can be obtained by visiting <http://beta.org/about/volunteers> or by calling your leadership consultant or colony development coordinator directly.

**Q: *Can I speak with someone on the advisory team?***

A: Yes. We would be happy to put you in contact with an advisory team member.

**Q: *Can I meet an undergraduate?***

A: Yes. We would be happy to put you in contact with an undergraduate officer.

**Benefits of becoming an advisor for Beta Theta Pi:**

- Giving back to the campus community
- Giving back to your Fraternity (if an alumnus)
- Mentoring a helping develop young men
- Networking with other Betas in the area
- Working on a team
- Spending your time in an activity you believe in
- Building a bridge for those who come after you