

BEAM – Personal Agriculture (PA) Challenge

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Welcome to the Black Empowerment and Achievement Movement (BEAM) Personal Agriculture Challenge. Thank you for joining our pursuit of unity and prosperity among the African Diaspora. Please read the goals, vision and mission statements of the group. Also feel free to review the other additional documents which are posted within the Files Section of the page.

Prerequisites

Prior to beginning the PA Challenge we recommend an individual do the following:

- Complete the BEAM - New Member Survey
- Join the BEAM - Social Change Group
- Create a Budget (Budget Template available for download via BEAM - Social Change)
- Download BEAM – Personal Agriculture Challenge Documents in Files Section (BEAM - PA Challenge Savings & Plant Growth)

Who can participate in the PA Challenge?

The PA Challenge is extended towards BEAM members and anyone who they extend the challenge to.

What is the PA Challenge?

The PA Challenge is an 12 month agriculture and finance based challenge for BEAM members and their respective parties. For the challenge, each individual will begin saving \$25/paycheck (bi-weekly/semi-monthly - twice a month) during the first quarter of the year. The first quarter is goes from January thru March. At the beginning of the second quarter (April - June), each individual will take the funds (~\$150) that they saved up during the first quarter and purchase garden tools, seeds and other necessities in order to plant their plants. An individual is free to plant any fruits or vegetables that they would like to plant. In March individuals may submit the fruit or vegetables that they would like to plant to BEAM via the BEAM - Social Change group. That will enable us to assist the individual in developing an inexpensive way to grow their desired plant. Each individual will record their PA-savings in a saving document provided by BEAM. The individual will also keep an itemized record of their expenditures for the agriculture expenses as well as a timeline of their treatment of their plant. These documents will be provided by BEAM. During the second quarter, the individual will keep saving the same \$25/paycheck while their plant is growing. In the first week of July and each subsequent week, they will document their plants growth. During the third quarter, from July thru September, the individual will keep saving, treating their plant as needed and documenting results. During the fourth and final quarter, from October thru December, an individual will produce the results of their plants growth to BEAM. They will submit all their paperwork including pictures and keep

saving until the quarter is complete. If the individual needs to purchase an agriculture necessities during the third and fourth quarter, they may feel free to do so, with the continue fund that they were saving in connection with this challenge. If you plant dies, please contact a BEAM admin and we will assist you with continuing the challenge.

When is the PA Challenge?

The PA Challenge will occur during the 2015 fiscal year. The 2015 fiscal year is divided up into 4 quarters beginning January 3rd, 2015.

- 1st quarter (January - March)
- 2nd quarter (April - June)
- 3rd quarter (July - September)
- 4th quarter (October - December)

Why are we launching the PA Challenge?

The PA Challenge is intended to motivate and inspire individuals to save and invest in themselves. It is also intended to get individuals to begin the process of thinking about agriculture development and becoming comfortable operating within that environment. It's intended to build and form the necessary relationship connections with each other in order to enable us to move forward. This is going to be a requisite step towards reaching our goals of building community gardens.

Where?

An individual will complete the PA Challenge within their own personal environment. They will save using a piggy bank of their choosing or in a black owned bank/black owned credit union account which they opened.

How?

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- Begin the challenge per directions (indicated in the "What is the PA Challenge Section")
- If assistance is needed contact admins
- Submit results