



THE Tau Beta Pi Laureate Award

Nominations due April 1

Look among your members for an outstanding student who has exceptional talent beyond the field of engineering. Chapters may nominate one or more members for Laureate status in the Association's program to foster a spirit of liberal culture among engineers. Candidates may be nominated for contributions in the arts, athletics, diverse achievements, or service.

Each Laureate receives a \$2,500 cash award, recognition at the national Convention, and publicity in THE BENT and other national publications.

A nominating committee, excluding but in consultation with the Laureate candidate, should prepare a nomination packet to send to the Executive Director by April 1. This is a chapter project; full details for submitting a nomination are in the Tau Beta Pi President's Book, pages C 31-32 and at www.tbp.org. The nominee should supply the personal information and the chapter should write it in the **third person**.

The following items should be sent in digital format (text 1.5-to-double-spaced):

- 1) A letter of nomination from the chapter which specifies the areas of contribution and signed by each member of the Advisory Board—the advisors, president, vice president, and corresponding secretary.
- 2) A one-half-page nomination summary in bullet format supported by

specific examples in the spirit of answering "What are the five strongest points made in the documentation that make this nominee worthy of the Laureate designation?"

- 3) A one-half-page biographical sketch of the nominee prior to enrollment as an engineering student. The purpose of the sketch is not to establish family history, heritage, birthdates, or places of residence. Rather it should serve to give the committee an impression of the nominee's personality and development into an area of liberal culture.
- 4) Up to a three-page description of the contributions of the nominee to the fostering of liberal culture. This section serves as a description of the nominee's activities and accomplishments during his or her time as an engineering student only. Include all dates or periods of contributions and approximate time spent on contributions.
- 5) A one-page description of TBP activities. This should include descriptions of offices held, committee work, date of initiation, and other TBP activities in which the nominee participated. Include dates.
- 6) A personal résumé and unofficial transcript including: (a) Expected date of graduation, (b) Home and school addresses and telephone numbers, and (c) GPA.



- 7) Three confidential reference letters from appropriate college, community and other persons, submitted in triplicate to the chapter nomination committee. (National officers may not write letters for candidates.) These letters are not to be reviewed by either the nominating committee or the nominee. References must provide three copies of their letters, each in a separate sealed envelope with a signature on the back.

Letters should be personal, of high quality, and from one who can speak to the qualifications upon which a nomination is based. References should specifically address the candidate's personality and contributions to liberal culture (not the academic accomplishments). Letters are important and often a deciding factor.

- 8) Pertinent supplementary material is useful and provides another perspective of the nominee. It shall not be overwhelming, excessive, or elaborate.