THE ASSOCIATION’S FUNDING PRIORITIES

1. The Annual Giving Program
For Tau Beta Pi, annual support from alumni and friends is the margin between adequate and excellent. Annual gifts allow the Association to improve facilities and purchase needed equipment, recruit staff, maintain essential programs, and enhance the educational experience for engineering students across the nation. Most importantly, gifts to this program provide assistance to all Tau Beta Pi students at all 251 chapters.

2. The Chapter Endowment Initiative
The Chapter Endowment Initiative is our program by which alumni, companies, and foundations can permanently endow the Association’s activities that support any of our 251 collegiate chapters. As stated under the terms of the Chapter Endowment Initiative, investment income from the endowments will provide permanent funding for students of the endowed chapter to: attend the annual TBP Convention; receive officer leadership training through the District Program; obtain professional development through Engineering Futures; participate and facilitate MindSET (K-12) activities; support Headquarters operations; and conduct chapter-directed activities on the college campus and in the local community.

3. Engineering Futures
This program facilitated by volunteers is offered by Tau Beta Pi to provide an interactive learning experience where students can enhance their technical education by developing interpersonal skills as they seek to improve their abilities to contribute to America’s needs. The Engineering Futures Program won the American Society of Engineering Education corporate member council’s 2007 Excellence in Engineering Education Collaboration Award, validating 18 years of effort by TBP Engineering Futures Facilitators and students. Approximately 200 sessions are presented to 4,000 students annually. The Engineering Futures Program comprises six modules: People Skills, Team Chartering, Group Process, Analytical Problem Solving, Effective Presentation Skills, and Equity, Inclusion & Ethics.
4. The Convention
The Convention is the major annual event for the Association, and more than 400 students participate and build camaraderie at this exciting venue. The expenses of one student delegate per chapter are paid by the Association. Non-voting delegates and alumni are welcome, encouraged, and invited to attend at their own expense. However, based on available funds, either partial airfare for most or full expenses for a select few non-voting delegates will also be reimbursed.

5. Fellowships and Scholarships
Implemented by President A.D. Moore in 1929, the Fellowship Program has provided a total exceeding $7,000,000 to 1,679 stipend recipients. Each graduate stipend currently provides $10,000 to each selected Fellow. The Scholarship Program was started in 1999 and provides $2,000 stipends to successful candidates for their senior year. The Fellowship and Scholarship Programs remain the principal philanthropic activity of the Association and continue to receive strong support from alumni, industry, and friends.