



THE Tau Beta Pi

Greater Interest in Government Awards



Through the interest and generosity of an alumnus, Frederick A. Faville, *IL B 1919*, an endowment fund was established in 1969 to pay for awards in a program of Greater Interest in Government.

The original feature of the program was an annual student essay contest on the subjects of American citizenship, American government, or the responsibility of engineers to take an active part in civic and governmental affairs. The 1981 Convention discontinued the contest.

To promote student interest in government and civic affairs, the 1980 Convention revised the program to provide awards in the form of chapter project grants. The grant money is to help pay expenses of chapters interested in pursuing projects that serve their local communities.

In such projects, not only does society benefit from the students' efforts, but participating students also benefit from the experience they gain working with public officials and institutions.

Written proposals must include:

- 1) A description of the project, why it is needed, or what service it will provide.
- 2) The specific goals and plans for implementation of the project.

3) An itemized budget and time schedule for the project.

4) The name of the person to be responsible as project director.

The chapter president must sign the proposal; and it should also be signed by the incoming president if the project will occur in the following school year. Joint proposals must be signed by the presidents of all the participating chapters.

Grant payments shall be made for individual or group projects to chapters on a schedule appropriate to the

project budget. A chapter may submit more than one proposal.

Each chapter receiving a grant shall prepare a final report within one month of its completion and submit by email to the Executive Director (tbp@tbp.org). Failure to submit a final report will result in a \$25 fine levied against the chapter or against each chapter conducting a joint project. The report shall describe the work accomplished and account for use of the grant.

A summary of the report shall be considered for publication in THE BENT.

- **Proposals may be submitted at anytime**
- **Email proposals to tbp@tbp.org**
- **Maximum grant amount is \$750 (or \$750 per chapter)**
- **Proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Council**
- **Projects should emphasize engineering service to society**
- **Potential impact of the project on the local community is an important factor**
- **Projects should involve a significant portion of the active membership of the chapter**
- **Response provided within two weeks after Executive Council review**
- **For more information see Section C, page 30, of the *President's Book*:**

<http://www.tbp.org/Chapters/References/PBTOC.cfm>