

**GREATER INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION**  
**Tau Bates Serving the Educational and Public Communities**

**CHAPTER PROJECT GRANTS**

Through the interest and generosity of an alumnus member of Tau Beta Pi, Frederick A. Faville, *Illinois Beta '19*, 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 national 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 further, the 1980 Convention revised the program to provide awards in the form of chapter project grants. The grant money is to be used to help pay expenses of chapters wishing to pursue 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. The maximum grant will be \$750. If multiple chapters propose a joint project, the maximum grant will be \$750/chapter.

Projects involving local primary and secondary schools are encouraged, especially if they promote the engineering profession or the importance of a strong math and science education. Projects that primarily benefit the Chapter's college or university are ineligible.

Proposals for grants shall be judged by the Executive Council using these guidelines:

1. Projects should emphasize engineering service to society.
2. Originality, innovation, and potential impact of the project on the local community are important factors.
3. Projects should involve a significant portion of the active membership of the Chapter.

Written proposals shall include:

1. A description of the project, why it is needed or what service it will provide, and pertinent background information.
2. An outline of previous activity by the chapter in this area, if any.
3. The specific goals and plans for implementation of the project.
4. Time schedule of the project.
5. An itemized budget request.
6. The approximate number of members participating and the name of the person to be responsible for the work as project director.

Proposals shall be as concise as possible in meeting these requirements. The chapter president must sign the proposal. If the proposal is for the following school year, the incoming president must also sign it. The presidents of all chapters must sign proposals for joint projects. There is no deadline for receipt of proposals at Tau Beta Pi Headquarters. A chapter may submit more than one proposal.

Chapters submitting proposals shall be notified no later than two weeks after a decision by the Executive Council. Publicity for approved projects by Tau Beta Pi shall be scheduled and prepared by the Executive Director. Grant payments shall be made for individual or group projects to chapters on a schedule appropriate to the project budget.

Each chapter receiving a grant shall prepare a final report on its completed project within one month of completion, but no more than one year after receiving the grant. The report shall be submitted to the Executive Director. The report shall describe the project work accomplished and account for use of the grant. A summary of the report shall be published in THE BENT. Failure to submit a final report will result in a \$25 fine levied against the chapter or against each chapter conducting a joint project.

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