

Requirements for Initiation, Spring 2006

Tau Beta Pi, Massachusetts Beta Chapter

March 16th, 2006

Introduction

Members of Tau Beta Pi must demonstrate academic excellence and exceptional integrity. By ranking in the top eighth of your junior class or top fifth of your senior class, you have already demonstrated your commitment to academic excellence.

In order to evaluate your character, our chapter has designed the following requirements, which you are responsible for fulfilling. Based on your performance, our chapter will make the final recommendation to the National Headquarters about your induction into the society.

Character Evaluation

We will provide you with a letter from our president and faculty advisor that you should present to a member of the faculty or a member of Tau Beta Pi who knows you well. Please note that the reply should be returned in a sealed envelope to the Corresponding Secretary, Doris Lin (dlin@mit.edu), no later than **Thursday, April 27th, 2006 (Drop Date)**. This letter request of character evaluation will be available to you some time next week.

Service

The MA Beta chapter has several committees that are vital to our continued success. We also have a commitment to community service. In order to fulfill the service requirement, you will have a choice between the following options:

- 1. Corresponding Secretary's Committee + 5 service hours (10 Eligibles needed):** Help keep TBP National Headquarters informed of our activities.
- 2. Chapter Service Committee + 5 service hours (5-10 Eligibles needed):** Help the chapter service chairs with chapter related activities.
- 3. Nationals Convention Committee + 5 service hours (5 Eligibles needed):** This committee is tasked with putting together a bid for the 2009 National TBP convention to be held at MIT. Committee members will be responsible for revising an existing proposal to be submitted by the end of January. Duties include contacting hotels, MIT administrators and sponsors to work out the convention logistics.
- 4. Publicity Committee + 3 service hours (2 Eligibles needed):** Help find and write material to fill the Tau Beta Pi display case (coming soon) and to post on our website.

5. 10 service hours: If you are not assigned to a committee, you can fulfill the service requirement by completing 10 service hours.

Please rank all the options in order of preference, keeping in mind that the chapter will make assignments based on the needs of the individual committees. The total amount of time required for each option is meant to be approximately the same. Service hours are due on **Friday, May 5th, 2006**.

Service hours can be fulfilled in three ways. (1) The Community Service Chair for the chapter will organize or publicize public service opportunities and assign each activity a given number of hours. (2) Our committee chairs will solicit Eligibles to earn hours through one-time tasks that benefit the chapter. These opportunities will be advertised by e-mail, and your hours will be recorded by the officer in charge and submitted to the Eligibles Chair. (3) Individual community service projects may be completed and reported through a web form <http://tbp.mit.edu/el/> (MIT-certificate required).

Social

We sponsor several social and cultural activities throughout the year for our members, and we require that you participate in at least one of them before you are initiated. Susan Hwang and Sam Maurer, our Social Chairs, will be emailing information about social events soon. You must attend a social event by **Friday, May 5th, 2006**.

Essay

A list of essay prompts and instructions for submitting will be available to you within the next couple of weeks. Topics will include describing activities and service projects that you feel TBP should become involved with or organize in the future. The essay is due on **Thursday, April 27th, 2006 (Drop Date)**.

Administrative Details

Upon fulfillment of all requirements listed above, you will be invited to the Initiation Ceremony, which will tentatively be on **Saturday, May 13th, 2006**. You **MUST** participate. **No one can be inducted into the TBP society without being initiated in a formal ceremony held by a chapter.** So please reserve this date on your calendar even half a year in advance. The day will start at about 3pm in the afternoon, and a nice banquet will be followed to celebrate. In order to become a member of Tau Beta Pi, you must submit your committee preference sheet no later than **Friday, March 24th, at 5:00 PM** and the remaining materials no later than **Friday, April 8th, at 5:00 PM**. You may turn in materials in room 4-134 – there will be a folder for Tau Beta Pi eligible materials.

- **Committee preference form:** please rank your choices numerically
- **Two catalog cards:** Please print neatly and fill out both cards completely. We are the MAB chapter. If your card does not have a space for your e-mail address, please write it on the back
- **Two résumés for the chapter** – please write “eligible” in the upper right hand corner

Please attach related materials together when turning them in room 4-134.

A check payable to “TBP Mass Beta Chapter” for the initiation fee of \$50 will be due on **Friday, May 12th, 2006**.