

## BECOMING A CHAPTER

### COLONIZATION APPLICATION FORM

To be officially recognized as a colony of Tau Beta Sigma, a completed Preliminary Information Form must be submitted to the National Headquarters. This form must be accompanied by the current Charter Fee, a typed list of colony members and a current initiate fee for each colony member. Upon receipt of the completed form and the required fees the members of the colony will be issued membership cards and prospective member pins. Membership at this point, as a group and individually, is probationary.

### OUTLINE FOR SUCCESS

**Election of Officers** - As soon as possible, colony officers must be elected to serve as the executive team and guiding force.

**Official Recognition** - When the Colony Application and filing fee have been received and reviewed by the National Headquarters and approved by the National Council, official recognition of colony status is sent to the Sorority's National and District Officers.

**Advisors** - Each colony will be assigned an Advising Chapter and a Colony Advisor. Colonies are encouraged to maintain close contact with these sources of information and assistance.

**Operation** - The colony group is expected to function as a chapter to develop a program of service to the band department.

**Knowing What To Do** - The National Headquarters staff is prepared to serve as a constant source of information and support. However, the best possible assistance to the colony group will come from contact with active chapters. Active chapters may assist colony groups by sharing ideas for projects and activities, as well as by assisting with chapter operation.

**Timetable For Colonization** - Your colony will be provided with a Timetable for Colonization. This schedule should be followed as closely as possible.

**District Convention** - Each colony is encouraged to have at least one (1) member attend the District Convention, to give the colony an opportunity to better understand the scope of the organization.

**Petitioning Document** - The petitioning document serves as the official request for active status, as well as provides a written and pictorial record of the band program, the sheltering institution, and the colony. Guidelines for creating the Petitioning Document are provided to the colony.

**Communication** - All active colonies of the Sorority are required to submit monthly reports to the National Headquarters. The colonies are expected to communicate with more than just the NHQ.

**Pre-Installation Visit** - Prior to the installation of a chapter, a representative of the National Organization will visit the campus to meet with college/university officials, sponsor, and colony members.

**Installation** - When National Council approval has been granted, official plans for the installation of the chapter may be made. This event is closely coordinated between National, District, and local officers.

## FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

**CHARTER FEE** - The fee to colonize a chapter is \$300. This fee must accompany the APPLICATION FOR COLONIZATION form at the beginning of the period of colonization.

**INITIATION FEE** - The fee to become a member is \$110. \$15 is sent with the colonization application and the remaining \$95 is sent prior to installation.

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** - Honorary membership is available to those individuals who are eligible per the National Constitution, whom students wish to recognize at the installation ceremonies. There is a one-time fee of \$50 per honorary member.

### ANNUAL DUES AND FEES

The National Headquarters will assess annual dues and fees to the chapter on September 30, each year after installation, in order for the new chapter to remain active. The annual fee for each chapter is \$75. The annual membership dues are \$100 per member.

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# TAU BETA SIGMA

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## FOR GREATER BANDS





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We provide exceptional service to collegiate bands and promote equality and diversity, including empowering women in the band profession. We cultivate leadership, educational achievement, music appreciation and community development.

### TBS SCHOLARSHIPS

#### National Scholarship for Outstanding Student Leaders

This award honors active members who have distinguished themselves as outstanding student leaders of Tau Beta Sigma, their band, their campus, and in academics.

#### Patsy Drury Hejl National Scholarship for Outstanding Musical Achievement

The Patsy Drury Hejl National Scholarship for Outstanding Musical Achievement was designed to honor those active members who have distinguished themselves as outstanding musicians during their college career.

#### Tau Beta Sigma Wava Scholarship

This award is designed to provide assistance to women who are preparing to enter the field of Music Education.

#### Tau Beta Sigma Legacy Scholarship

This award was developed by the Board of Trustees to provide assistance to members who show outstanding business ability within Tau Beta Sigma or their band and is open to applications from women and men in Tau Beta Sigma.

#### Conn-Selmer Scholarship

Tau Beta Sigma awards scholarships to active members to attend Conn-Selmer University, a highly motivational workshop / seminar designed to support music educators preparing to begin a career in music education.

## Women in MUSIC

TAU BETA SIGMA Speaker Series

The Women in Music in Speaker Series has developed into the hallmark of the Sorority's National Programs.

An integral component of District and National Conventions, this program engages our members by providing the opportunity to meet women who work in various aspects of the music profession, including professional performers, music therapists, and educators.



**Crescendo**, a common musical term for a gradual increase in loudness, comes from the Italian and Latin words meaning "to grow or increase."

The program's purpose is to focus on the increase/growth of college band members by encouraging younger musicians to continue playing and performing as they make the transition to college.



The Women Band Directors' Group was launched on Facebook to provide the opportunity for women in the band profession to discuss various aspects of music education including music literature, classroom management, and pedagogy. Membership in this group is open to all women in the music education profession, including students and those who are not members of the Sorority.



The National Intercollegiate Band (NIB) concert band, sponsored by Tau Beta Sigma and our brother organization, Kappa Kappa Psi, that performs every two years at the national convention of the two organizations.

Organized in 1947, the NIB is the oldest national intercollegiate band in the United States, and is open to all collegiate band members regardless of membership in Kappa Kappa Psi or Tau Beta Sigma. Since 1953, the National Intercollegiate Band has been the resident ensemble of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi Commissioning Program, the longest-running commissioning program for wind band music in the United States.

