

# Graduating Senior Exit Plan

You're about to graduate! You've done it all, right? As you prepare to transition into Alumni status, make sure that you and your chapter complete the following steps. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any member of the NED Council!

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## 1. Fill out the Graduating Senior Report

- a. All graduating seniors must be reported to National Headquarters using the Graduating Senior Report Form, which will be filled out by the Chapter President. It can be found in [OMRS](#).
- b. Important information you will need to provide your chapter with:
  - i. Name
  - ii. Graduation Date
  - iii. Email Address
  - iv. Parent's Phone Number
  - v. Student's Phone Number
  - vi. Parent's Mailing Address
  - vii. Student's Mailing Address
- c. This form **MUST** be filled out within **30 days** of graduation.

2. **Explore your options!** You did it! You have the diploma! It's hanging up nicely on your wall (right next to your TBS Shingle), but you still want to be involved in Tau Beta Sigma. Don't worry, because Sisterhood doesn't end when you graduate. There are still many possibilities to be involved with the Sorority!

### a. **Life Membership:**

- i. **What is it?** Graduating Seniors, Alumni, and Honorary Members of Tau Beta Sigma are eligible for Life Membership.
- ii. **Cost and Timeline:** Life Membership costs **\$350** (yes, three hundred and fifty dollars), but this is a *one-time* cost and you have your Life Membership *for life*. You are granted all of the rights of a Life Member.
- iii. **Benefits**
  1. Allowed to represent your home chapter at National Convention if there is no delegate from your chapter present
  2. Allowed to run for National Council and Board of Trustees positions
  3. Allowed to attend all Precinct Meetings and Conventions with valid membership card and ID
  4. Wear a flashy Life Member Pin (included with Life Membership!)
  5. Included with Life Membership, you are granted one complimentary year of membership with the Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association and a lifetime, online subscription to The Podium.
- iv. **How to become a Life Member:** There are two ways to purchase Life

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Membership:

1. [Paper application](#)
  2. [Online application \(with an option for a payment plan\)](#)
- v. **Any questions?** Contact National Headquarters at (405) 372-2333 or email them at [kkytbs@kkytbs.org](mailto:kkytbs@kkytbs.org) and they will make sure the right person answers your question.

## **b. Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association (TBSAA):**

- i. **What is it?** Mission Statement: We provide worthwhile programming, support for greater bands, networking opportunities, and professional development to TBS alumni and associates while furthering the ideals of Tau Beta Sigma. The Tau Beta Sigma Alumni Association cultivates relationships among music professionals, other professionals, and the community while focusing on empowering women.
- ii. **Cost and Timeline:** The membership year will run from January 1st through December 31st. Member dues are \$50.
  1. Young Alumni Membership - \$30 annual dues for any Alumni 25 years old or under as of January 1st of the current membership year.
  2. Life Members of the Sorority - \$30 annual dues for all Life Members of the Sorority
- iii. **Benefits:**
  1. Receive quarterly newsletter The Rhapsody
  2. Attend National & District Conventions with valid membership card and ID
  3. Participate in networking and professional development programs
  4. Access to members-only resource section of the [tbsalumni.org](http://tbsalumni.org) website
- iv. **How to become a member of TBSAA:** [Paper Form](#)
- v. **Any questions?** Contact TBSAA via email at [tbsaa@tbsigma.org](mailto:tbsaa@tbsigma.org) or visit <http://www.tbsalumni.org>.

## **c. Northeast District Alumni Association (NEDAA):**

- i. **What is it?** Established in 1987, NEDAA is a joint Alumni Association that serves the Northeast District of both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma.
- ii. **Cost and Timeline:** The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st.
  1. \$10 for Graduating Seniors
  2. \$35 for Life Members
  3. \$40 for Non-Life Members
- iii. **How to become a member of NEDAA:** [Online form](#)
- iv. **Any Questions?** Contact NEDAA at [NEDAAkpsitbs@gmail.com](mailto:NEDAAkpsitbs@gmail.com) or visit [www.nedaa.org](http://www.nedaa.org)

3. **Give Back:** There are many ways to be involved with Tau Beta Sigma without joining an Alumni Association.

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- a. Visit <http://www.tbsigma.org/contribute.html> to donate to the National Organization. There are many different parts of the National Organization that you can support. Some, but not all, of the programs you can support are:
  - i. 1946 Club
  - ii. Programs - National Intercollegiate Band, Women in Music Speaker Series, Commissioning Projects
  - iii. Projects - Archives & History, Revive our Rep, District Leadership Conference
  - iv. Scholarships
- b. Project goodsearch! Help Tau Beta Sigma earn a penny every time you search the internet! <https://www.kkytbs.org/forms/TBSGoodSearch.pdf>

## FAQ:

*I didn't graduate but I'm not attending college anymore, what does that make my status?*

If you willingly left your college with *no* academic or disciplinary measures taken, and you left in good standing with your chapter and the Sorority, then your status is Alumni. Make sure your chapter makes this update in OMRS. You are eligible for Life Membership and Memberships with TBSAA and NEDAA.

*I transferred to a school that doesn't have a TBS or KKPsi chapter, what does that make my status?*

Same answer as above, if you willingly left your college in good standing with the college and your chapter, then your status is Alumni so long as your chapter updates your status in OMRS. You are eligible for Life Membership and Memberships with TBSAA and NEDAA.

*As a life member, am I allowed to vote on chapter business?*

No. There are many benefits to life membership, but being able to vote in chapter meetings is not one of them. Any participation with the active chapter, whether it's sitting in on meetings, attending degrees and other events, and other forms of support is at the discretion of the active chapter (not the alumni). The only time you are allowed to vote is if you sit as a delegate for your home chapter at National Convention.