



## **WHAT IS THE BOARD OF FELLOWS?**

The Board of Fellows primary focus is to serve as “goodwill ambassadors” for The University of Tampa by increasing visibility and strengthening ties within the Tampa Bay business community. The Board is comprised of distinguished men and women who are successful business and community leaders. The Fellows also provide financial support to The University of Tampa’s Annual Fund. The members enjoy fellowship and networking opportunities through various professional and social functions held exclusively for Fellows.

The Fellows fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31. The annual dues of \$500 are invoiced at the beginning of the Fellows fiscal year and are used to support Fellows’ activities. Fellows’ membership also includes 12 tickets to the Fellows Forum (\$480 value). The Annual Fund contribution of \$1,500 is due by May 31; however, payment is **preferred by Dec. 31** (see Dues and Annual Fund Commitments for additional details).

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Established in 1971, the Board of Fellows recognizes the distinctive contribution The University of Tampa makes to the character of the City of Tampa, and the benefits of that contribution to the Tampa business community. The Board of Fellows mission is to strengthen the ties between the University and the local business community. There are presently 125 business and community leaders who are members of the Board of Fellows.

## **WHAT COMMITMENT SHOULD A FELLOW MAKE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA?**

Members are encouraged to:

- Serve on BOF committee(s)
- Attend committee meetings as scheduled
- Support and attend Fellows events
- Actively support the University as a goodwill ambassador
- Recruit and nominate potential members
- Host a Fellows members’ only social
- Support Fellows’ flagship program The Fellows Forum by recruiting sponsors

## DUES AND ANNUAL FUND COMMITMENTS

Fundraising efforts typically begin in the fall, when members receive their first solicitation and pledge letter (the Fellows' fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31). Each Fellow is **required to contribute** a minimum of \$1,500 to The University of Tampa's Annual Fund. A minimum contribution of \$2,500<sup>2</sup> (*Minaret Society Silver Crescent Level*) assures an invitation to the annual Minaret Society Dinner held in November. (*see page 3 Minaret Society Dinner for details*). In addition, members are **required** to pay annual membership dues of \$500 to support various Fellows activities. The Board of Fellows is a self-supporting group. The Board of Fellows membership dues is Fellows operating fund.

Financial Requirements: Financially support the Board of Fellows operations and The University of Tampa by selecting one of the options listed below:

1. Standard Membership Level-----**\$ 2,000** (\$500 Dues + \$ 1,500 [Annual Fund](#)<sup>1</sup>)
2. Minaret Society Silver Crescent Level--**\$ 3,000** (\$500 Dues + \$ 2,500<sup>2</sup> Qualify for the Minaret Society Dinner Invitation)

## COMMUNITY BUSINESS EVENTS

The Board of Fellows hosts three [Business Network Symposia](#) (BNS) per year (October, January, and April). Each Business Network Symposium features three local CEOs of companies that are well-known but are changing, new and emerging, or new to the Tampa Bay area. The CEOs have the opportunity to share their business story (accomplishments and plans) with the business community. The Business Network Symposia attract more than 250 professionals, and thanks to the generosity of the presenting sponsor, BNS are complimentary and open to the public.

The Board of Fellows flagship event is the [Fellows Forum](#). The Fellows Forum brings together a distinguished panel of CEOs of **national prominence** to share their perspectives on current issues of importance. Held since 1987, this annual event attracts more than **1,000 attendees**. As members of the Board of Fellows, each Fellow receives twelve tickets to the Fellows Forum (valued at \$480). Tickets to the Fellows Forum are \$40 each, and can be purchased through the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and UT's Development office.

Fellows also host the Annual [Top Shot Sporting Clays Tournament](#) in November benefitting UT Athletics and scholarships.

All proceeds from Fellows fundraisers benefit The University of Tampa through academic Grants for faculty, Fellows Named Scholarship, and the Fellows Endowment which provides scholarships to students enrolled in the Sykes College of Business.

\*Subject to increase to \$2,500 due to the rise in tuition cost.

<sup>1</sup>

Sponsorships for Fellows' events **do not replace** the Annual Fund contribution requirement.

<sup>2</sup>

Minimum gift of \$2,500 must be **paid by May 31** to be invited to the Annual Minaret Society Dinner held in November.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

The Board of Fellows organizes a number of social events throughout the year for the members to socialize and network with each other. Fellows social activities include Fellows kick-off; members-only socials (hosted by members at their place of business or residence); The Board of Trustees, Fellows, and Counselors Holiday Party, BOF exclusive luncheons, breakfasts, and campus tours; and the year-end celebration.

## **MINARET SOCIETY DINNER**

The Minaret Society Dinner is The University of Tampa's black tie event to thank the University's most esteemed and loyal benefactors for their gifts to the University within a fiscal year. Fellows who contribute to The University of Tampa at the Minaret Society Silver Crescent level (minimum of **\$2,500<sup>2</sup>** and above) receive a formal invitation to the annual Minaret Society Dinner held in November. The evening begins with a cocktail reception followed by an elegant dinner featuring outstanding members of UT's faculty and or student talents. The evening wraps up with cordials and coffee.

## **DONOR SOCIETIES**

### Lifetime Giving Society

1. Pinnacle \$10 Million and above
2. Pacesetters \$999,999 to \$1Million
3. Landmark \$500,000 to \$999,999

### President's Council

1. Gold Crescent \$50,000 and above
2. Silver Crescent \$25,000 to \$49,999
3. Bronze Crescent \$10,000 to \$24,999

### Minaret Society

1. Gold Crescent \$5,000 to \$9,999
2. Silver Crescent \$2,500<sup>2</sup> to \$4,999
3. Bronze Crescent \$1,000 to \$2,499

### Legacy Society

The [Legacy Society](#) recognizes donors who have made provision for the University in their estate plans. Legacy Society donors are invited to an annual luncheon where new members are inducted.

All donors are recognized in the Donor Honor Roll published in the fall edition of the *UT Journal*.

## **ESTABLISHING A NAMED SCHOLARSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA**

A named scholarship provides valuable tuition assistance to The University of Tampa students and simultaneously honors an individual, family, organization, or corporation. Family members establish named scholarships in memory of a loved one. Graduates who received financial aid while in college establish named scholarships to give back to the University and to assist the students of the next generation. Organizations and corporations can recruit interns, improve community relations, and establish relations with potential employees by establishing named scholarships.

Scholarships are a growing and vital component of the overall tuition-assistance program at UT. Donors, who fund scholarships at a minimum of **\$2,500\*** can establish named scholarships (recommended amount is \$2,500). The University of Tampa offers a strong financial aid program that assist qualified students with their educational expenses. In recent years, more than **92%** of the University's **students have received some type of financial assistance**. The donor may designate criteria (see scholarship criteria examples at the bottom of this page), as-well-as work component, volunteerism or campus leadership requirement, or co-curricular involvement in honorary and academic societies. UT scholarship is administered without regard to race, age, color, gender, religion, disability, or national or ethnic origin. The financial aid office selects the student in accordance with the guidelines established by the donor.

An annually donated, or remitted scholarship, is awarded to the recipient(s) as funds are provided by the donor. The period of time students receive their scholarships depends on when donors make their annual contributions. The University of Tampa recommends donors pledge a **four-year commitment**. This provides deserving students with scholarships throughout their undergraduate career. The UT fiscal year is from June 1 to May 31. Donors are asked to fund scholarships during the year. Named scholarships are awarded each fall.

Donors and scholarship recipients are invited to meet at the annual fall scholarship luncheon held on campus in historic Fletcher Lounge, or the Vaughn Center Crescent Club. Named scholarship donors are recognized in the fall edition of the *UT Journal's* annual report.

### **Scholarship Criteria Examples**

- GPA Requirement
- Field of Study (particular major such as business, nursing, education, etc.)
- Minority of Choice
- Need-Based, Merit-Based, or Neither
- Residency (U.S. citizen, local or state resident, etc.)
- Particular Class (freshmen, sophomore, junior, or senior)
- Others as Identified by Donor (honorary and academic societies, interests, skills, athletics, etc.)

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