Membership Application
Alpha Kappa Delta
The International Sociology Honor Society

Congratulations! You have been invited to join Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society through your local chapter of AKD. Membership is limited to undergraduate students in sociology who have maintained a record of high academic achievement. The criteria are described below.

Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta is an earned honor. Once you join, you become a lifetime member. Your membership may be used on your resume, applications for graduate school, and job applications.

Alpha Kappa Delta Society was founded in 1920 in the Sociology Department of the University of Southern California by Dr. E.S. Bogardus. The name, Alpha Kappa Delta, represents the first three letters of three Greek words: *anthropon* (mankind), *katamanthanein* (to investigate thoroughly or to conduct research) and *diakonesein* (for the purpose of service). The name, freely interpreted, signifies social research for the purpose of service. There are more than 650 chapters of the Society and more than 115,000 lifetime members. We hope to include you among the members.

The membership fee is $50.00. This one-time fee provides you with lifetime membership, a membership certificate, a membership card, and one free year of *Sociological Inquiry*, the official journal of the Society. When you are inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, you are eligible to wear the Society's honor cord, lapel pin, and other paraphernalia. (Please note that your **$60 fee** will include membership as well as an honor cord for graduation.)

To join Alpha Kappa Delta, please fill out the attached form and return it, and your payment, to your chapter representative. Please see ***www.alphakappadelta.org*** for more information. Again, congratulations!

Member Eligibility

- **Undergraduates** must be sociology majors within an official program of a host institution with a chartered chapter of the Society. Students must:
  - ✓ Be at least a junior
  - ✓ Rank in the top 35% of their class, or an overall GPA of 3.3
  - ✓ Have a sociology GPA of at least 3.0
  - ✓ Have taken at least four courses toward the sociology major

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Benefits of Becoming a Member

- Membership is for a lifetime.
- Every new initiate receives a certificate of membership, membership card, and a membership activation form.
- Members who submit completed activation forms receive a free one-year subscription to *Sociological Inquiry*, the official journal of AKD.
- AKD sponsors undergraduate and graduate student paper contests for members with cash prizes and travel money to participate in the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting.
  - o Undergraduate student winners have the chance to participate in the ASA Honors Program
  - o First place winners are eligible to have their papers published in *Sociological Inquiry*
- AKD funds students presenting at regional sociological meetings.
- Members may purchase honor cords for graduation ceremonies, AKD pins, and other memorabilia.
- AKD members Alpha Kappa Delta members who become Civil Service employees meet one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level (an increase in pay-grade) if they list AKD membership on their applications (providing they enter at the GS-5 level).

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*This form is for chapter records and verification. Please do not send to the Executive Office.

Name for Certificate: _____

                              First   **Middle**   **Last**

Address _____

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        City   **State**   **Zip Code**

Student Identification Number _____

Home Telephone _____ **E-Mail Address** _____

Applying Student: **Major(s)** _____   **Minor/Other** _____

                      Junior _____   **Senior** _____

List sociology courses you have **COMPLETED** for the major. (Community college - ONLY **pre-requisites** accepted.)

Course Number	Course Name	Grade Received	Units

I hereby give the faculty member and staff serving as the AKD Chapter Representatives permission to determine my eligibility for membership by verifying my grade point average and my performance in overall scholarship (as a student).

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              Signature   **Date**

Return this completed application to the AKD Chapter Representative at: 410 Social Sciences Bldg. (ATTN: Cristina Rojas)

Deadline: Friday, February 19, 2021

Chapter Representative Use Only: Payment Received _____   Cumulative GPA _____   Major GPA _____   Initials _____
*This application is to be submitted to the chapter. The Executive Office does not accept individual applications. **Do not send this to the AKD Office**. Please fill out the Order Form and List of Initiates to request new memberships.*