

## HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER OF ALPHA KAPPA DELTA?

Minimum requirements apply  
to all chapters of AKD.

- **Undergraduates** must be sociology majors or demonstrate a serious interest in sociology 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 in sociology** at the host institution
- **Graduate students** must:
  - ✓ Have **completed at least one-half year** of graduate study in sociology
  - ✓ Have a graduate **grade-point average of 'B' or better**
  - ✓ Continue to be **matriculated in a program of study** leading toward a graduate degree in sociology at the host institution
- Chapters may apply additional criteria for both undergraduate and graduate students.
- Sociology **faculty members** may be initiated.
- Election to Alpha Kappa Delta is without regard to race, creed, or national origin.
- Potential members should contact a faculty member serving as an AKD Chapter Representative. Chapter Representatives are responsible for determining eligibility. Contact the AKD Office if your chapter is inactive or you cannot reach a Chapter Representative.

## ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

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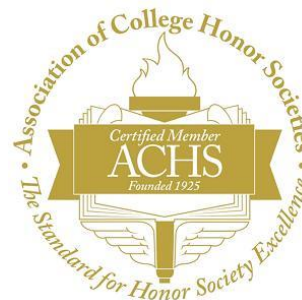
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## ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

### International Sociology Honor Society



Certified Member of the  
Association of College Honor Societies

## WHAT IS AKD?

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**Description:** AKD stands for Alpha Kappa Delta, a non-secret, democratic, international society of scholars dedicated to the ideal of Athropon Katamannthanein Diakonesin or “to investigate humanity for the purpose of service.”

**Purpose:** AKD seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the human condition.

**Foundation:** AKD was founded at the University of Southern California in 1920 by Dr. Emory S. Bogardus and became affiliated with the Association of College Honor Societies in 1967.



Siena College Initiates

## WHO ARE AKD MEMBERS?

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More than 115,000 lifetime members are affiliated with Alpha Kappa Delta. These are individuals with academic records showing excellence in sociology.

There are currently over 650 AKD chapters.

## WHY BECOME A MEMBER OR START A CHAPTER??

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**AKD provides a variety of services**

- ✓ Membership is for a lifetime.
- ✓ Every new initiate receives a **certificate of membership** and membership card.
- ✓ Members who submit completed activation forms receive a **free one-year subscription to *Sociological Inquiry***, the official journal of AKD.
- ✓ Members have access to the AKD Newsletter, election materials, and other services.
- ✓ AKD sponsors undergraduate and graduate **student paper contests** for members with cash prizes and travel money to participate in the annual American Sociological Association meeting.
  - First place winners are eligible to have their papers published in *Sociological Inquiry*
- ✓ AKD provides a **grant for initiation speakers, funds student travel and chapter representative travel to regional sociological meetings, and funds research symposia** to active chapters.
- ✓ AKD sponsors an **AKD Pre-Conference Workshop at regional sociology meetings**.

- ✓ AKD sponsors a **Distinguished Lecture series** at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, and **contributes annually to the ASA Minority Scholarship Fund**.
- ✓ Members may purchase **honor cords for graduation ceremonies**, AKD lapel pins, and other memorabilia including t-shirts and sweatshirts.
- ✓ AKD 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).
- ✓ AKD Chapters are important in the academic, professional, and social lives of student and faculty members. They provide opportunities for initiating and sharing activities in keeping with the purposes of the Society.



## WHAT IF MY SCHOOL HAS NO CHAPTER?

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The AKD office provides Charter Application guidelines to faculty members of departments without chapters. Have your department chair or a sociology faculty member check the AKD website for more information or contact the AKD Office directly. The Office will be happy to assist you with any and all questions.