



# ALPHA KAPPA DELTA NEWS

WINTER 2014

## *Greetings from the Executive Office!*

The Executive Office sends this bi-annual newsletter to keep you informed of current AKD news, programs, and policies. We will continue to send out detailed newsletters to you more frequently via e-mail (please check your spam folder to make sure your important news reaches you). Remember, you may always find all of the information in our newsletters online at [www.alphakappadelta.org](http://www.alphakappadelta.org).



## *Alert: Change in Prices!*

**As of September 1, 2013**, due to increased costs and postage, Council has approved an increase in the prices of some of our merchandise and other services. These include, but are not limited to:

- Honor cords—now cost \$10
- Lapel pins—now cost \$7
- Replacement certificates — now cost \$15

To see a list of all increased prices, please visit our website. To ensure you are paying the correct price, use the order form located on our website. Note: the cost of a lifetime membership remains \$40.

## *New Funding Requirements*

Due to the increased amount of funding requests we have had the past few years, Council has approved new funding requirements for the 2013-2014 year.

- **Student Member Research Travel Grant:** Consistent with the name change, **only AKD members** can receive funding to a regional sociology meeting (Note: Membership applications can be sent in early to the Executive Office and we will allow for multiple orders a semester for this purpose) and we will only fund students who will **be on the program** (an abstract will be due with the initial application)
- **Chapter Representative Research Supplement Travel Grant:** The name has been modified and we will fund up to **\$250**/chapter representative.

You may view a list of all our funding programs with eligibility requirements and guidelines on our website. Please let us know if you have any questions.

**VOTE!**

## *2014 Renewals*

According to AKD's Bylaws, all Chapter Representatives must be active members of the Society. To become an active member, fill out the "[\*AKD Membership Renewal Form\*](#)" (located on our website). There is also a \$40 fee. Please note, our office cannot process any orders without this renewal for the 2014 year. Renewals run on a calendar year and are due in January; however, you may send it in with your Spring order of new members, if you prefer. Please contact our office should you have any questions.

## *2014 Election*

The 2014 Officer election is underway. If you are an active member you should have received an e-mail allowing you to vote for President Elect and Vice President. If you are an active member in regions 1, 3, 5, or 7, you will also be able to vote for a Regional Representative. *Please contact our office if you have not received a link to the election website.* Contact the office if you prefer to use a paper ballot. The deadline to cast your ballot is **February 15, 2014 at 10:00pm EST.**

**VOTE TODAY!**

## *Membership Eligibility*

### **Undergraduate Sociology Students**

At least a junior, top 35% of class or 3.3 overall GPA, 3.0 GPA in sociology courses, completed four regular sociology

### **Graduate Sociology Students**

Completed one-half year of program, GPA of 3.0 or better, maintain matriculation in sociology program

Mark your calendar!

## 2014 Deadlines

### **JANUARY 31—WINTER FUNDING DEADLINE (ALL ESS TRAVEL GRANTS DUE BY THIS DATE)** (Travel Grant applications for other regional meetings are due by February 24)

- Student Member Research Travel Grant — Up to \$400/student, but no more than \$1,200 per chapter may be awarded (note new guidelines listed on page 1 and on our website)
- Chapter Representative Research Supplement Travel Grant — Up to \$250 may be awarded to active chapter representatives accompanying students presenting at a regional sociology meeting
- Initiation Speaker Grant — Up to \$500 may be awarded to chapters
- Symposium — Up to \$1,000 may be awarded to chapters

### **FEBRUARY 1 (new extended deadline) — FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FOR AKD PRE-CONFERENCE AT ESS MEETING**

The purpose of this program is to advance the quality of teaching in the discipline of sociology.  
Up to \$500 will be awarded to five applicants to help offset travel expenses

### **FEBRUARY 15—FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FOR AKD SYMPOSIUM AT SSS MEETING**

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### **ELECTIONS DEADLINE**

### **FEBRUARY 24—SPRING FUNDING DEADLINE (Student & Chapter Rep. Travel Grant, Speaker Grant, Symposium)**

### **MARCH 1—STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION**

Undergraduate and graduate AKD members are encouraged to submit their papers for a chance to win a cash prize and up to \$1,000 in travel money to attend the ASA annual meeting

### **APRIL 1 — EMORY BOGARDUS CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE \*New Program\***

The purpose of this program is to recognize and reward chapter achievement in fulfilling the general purposes of Alpha Kappa Delta. \$500 will be awarded to one chapter to support chapter development and service activities

For more details, applications, and guidelines, visit: [www.alphakappadelta.org](http://www.alphakappadelta.org)

## *Placing Orders for New Memberships and/or Merchandise*

### **ACTIVE STATUS**

To place an order for new members and/or merchandise, chapters must be active. This includes:

1. The Chapter Representative has paid his/her 2014 membership dues
2. The Executive Office has the chapter's EIN IRS Confirmation Letter and SS-4 Form on file

### **FORMS NEEDED**

We will need the "[\*AKD Order Form\*](#)" and "[\*AKD List of Initiates Form\*](#)" (if inducting new members). Please include the date of induction as it is printed on each certificate.

### **PAYMENT**

Please remember that our office is unable to accept credit cards at this time as we do not have the equipment to do so. **We do accept institutional checks, checks cut from chapter's bank accounts, and money orders.** If you cannot arrange one of these options, a single check cut from the faculty chapter representative's personal account can be accepted. Please do not send cash.

### **MAILING AND DELIVERY**

#### **Membership Certificates and Cards**

These can take up to **3-4 weeks** to be processed and sent out from the time our office receives the order. Our suggestion is to send in the order **at least a month before your induction ceremony.**

#### **Merchandise**

This is sent directly from our office; therefore, it should arrive via USPS within 5-7 days upon receiving the order. You may pay extra for priority and express shipping—contact the office for prices.



Order honor cords and lapel pins early enough so your members may proudly wear them at graduation



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