Alpha Kappa Delta 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.

**PURPOSE**

Alpha Kappa Delta was founded at the University of Southern California in 1920 by Dr. Emory S. Bogardus and became a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies in 1967, which demonstrates our commitment to excellence and our value as a credible, nationally recognized honor society.

**FOUNDATION**

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- Lifetime recognition for outstanding academic achievement
- One free year to our journal, *Sociological Inquiry*
- Student paper contests — cash prizes
- Student travel money to present at regional sociology meetings
- The U.S. government accepts membership as one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level for numerous professional and technical occupations
- Plus much more!

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

- Enrolled as a major or minor in a sociology program or a program sociological in nature
- At least a junior
- Rank in the top 35% of class (or 3.3 GPA)
- Have at least a 3.0 in sociology classes at host institution
- Have completed 4 regular sociology courses (12 credit hours)

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

- Officially admitted to graduate study in sociology
- Completion of one half year of graduate study in sociology
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