

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

2021 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Each year Alpha Kappa Delta sponsors an undergraduate student paper competition. Alpha Kappa Delta welcomes submissions from undergraduate students who are members of the Society, whether or not they are involved in AKD chapter activities. **All submissions must be received by March 1, 2021 via email.**

1st Prize **\$500.00** and up to \$1,000.00 in travel expenses to the 2021 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*. The first place winner will have the chance to be published in the *Sociological Inquiry* journal if the author chooses to do so. If submitted for publication, the decision to publish remains with the Editor. Members of the Editorial Board of *Sociological Inquiry* may also assist with editing. If published in *Sociological Inquiry* the paper will list the institution the author attended when the paper was written.

2nd Prize **\$250.00** and up to \$1,000.00 in travel expenses to the 2021 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

3rd Prize **\$100.00** and up to \$1,000.00 in travel expenses to the 2021 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*.

Authors of all prizewinning papers will receive one-year extensions of their subscriptions to *Sociological Inquiry*.

The authors and faculty sponsors of prizewinning papers will be notified of their selection around **April 1, 2020 by email**. All others will be notified in a timely manner.

Winners are encouraged to attend the 2021 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association* with travel support from Alpha Kappa Delta. **In order to receive the travel support portion of the award, paper winners must attend the Distinguished Lecture.**

ASA Honors Program

The American Sociological Association has reserved slots in the 2021 ASA Honors Program for first, second, and third place winners of the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. Winners are encouraged to participate in the complete schedule of Honors Program activities. AKD will prepay a \$151.00 registration fee directly to ASA for contest winners who participate in the Honors Program (cost is subject to change). Winners who participate in the Honors Program receive a cash prize of \$500.00, \$250.00, or \$100.00, prepayment of the \$151.00 ASA Honors Program registration fee, and up to \$1,000.00 travel reimbursement (minus the \$151 registration fee). All paper contest winners are strongly encouraged to participate in the Honors Program—it is a great opportunity for travel, scholarship, professional development, and networking.

**Travel money to attend the 2021 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association is subject to the meeting being held in-person.*

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REQUIREMENTS

To be considered, each entry must conform to the following requirements:

1. Eligibility. The author must be a current member of AKD and the paper must have been written while the author was enrolled as an undergraduate student at an institution with an active AKD chapter during at least one term of the 2020 calendar year (January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020). Papers must be single authored. No student may author more than one paper entered in the 2021 competition. The paper cannot have been previously published or be currently under consideration by a professional journal.

2. A cover letter from a sociology faculty member who is a Voting member of AKD and serving as the Chapter Representative must affirm:

- a. Fulfillment of the eligibility requirements.
- b. The author's name, email address, institution at the time the paper was written, and the title of the paper. The author's name should not appear anywhere in the title page, abstract, or paper.
- c. The chapter representative's name and email address.
- d. The name and email address of the student's faculty sponsor of the paper.

3. The paper must have sociological content and focus, but may be empirical, theoretical, or a critical review of the literature.

4. An **abstract** of 100-150 words must summarize the major points of the paper. Please include this on the same document as the paper.

5. The paper may not exceed 35 double-spaced pages using MS-Word, Calibri 11-point OR Times New Roman 12-point font/type, with standard 1-inch margins, including tables, appendices, and references. For a detailed statement on format and requirements consult the inside cover of the Official Journal of Alpha Kappa Delta, *Sociological Inquiry*.

6. The author's name and institution should not appear anywhere in the title page, abstract, or paper.

7. Email the paper and cover letter in a single email, but as separate attachments to: AKD@lemoyne.edu and use "Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Submission" in the subject heading.

- The paper and cover letter may be sent from either the author or the Chapter Representative
- If need be, the author and Chapter Representative may send two separate emails

To be eligible for consideration, all completed entries must be received by March 1, 2021.