

## HOW DOES ONE BECOME AN AKD MEMBER?

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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.

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**United Chapters of Alpha Kappa Delta**

**International Sociology Honor Society**

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**Member of the Association of College  
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## 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 Katamanthanein 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.



## WHO ARE AKD MEMBERS?

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More than 97,000 lifetime members are affiliated with Alpha Kappa Delta. These are people with academic records showing excellence in sociology.

There are currently over 600 AKD chapters.

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**AKD provides a variety of services to its members.**

- 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.
- Members have access to the AKD Newsletter, election materials, and other services on our website.
- AKD sponsors student paper contests for members with cash prizes and travel money to participate in the American Sociological Association Honors Program.
- AKD provides honoraria for initiation speakers, funds student travel to regional sociological meetings, and funds research symposia.
- 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 pins, and other memorabilia (please place order through your Chapter Representative).
- 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.
- AKD members who become Civil Service employees receive a two-step boost in pay grade if they list AKD membership on their applications.



## WHAT IF MY SCHOOL HAS NO AKD 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.