Membership Application
Alpha Kappa Delta
The International Sociology Honor Society

Congratulations! You have been invited to join Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society through your local chapter of AKD. Membership is limited to undergraduate and graduate students in sociology who have maintained a record of high academic achievement. The criteria are described below.

Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta is an earned honor. Once you join, you become a lifetime member. Your membership may be used on your resume and applications for graduate school.

Alpha Kappa Delta Society was founded in 1920 in the Sociology Department of the University of Southern California by Dr. E.S. Bogardus. The name, Alpha Kappa Delta, represents the first three letters of three Greek words: *anthropon* (mankind), *katamanthanein* (to investigate thoroughly or to conduct research) and *diakonesein* (for the purpose of service). The name, freely interpreted, signifies social research for the purpose of service. There are more than 600 chapters of the Society and more than 97,000 lifetime members. We hope to include you among the members.

The membership fee is $50.00. This one-time fee provides you with lifetime membership, a membership certificate, a membership card, and one free year of *Sociological Inquiry*, the official journal of the Society. When you are inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, you are eligible to wear the Society's honor cord, lapel pin, and other paraphernalia.

To join Alpha Kappa Delta, please fill out the attached form and return it, and your payment, to your chapter representative. Please see ***www.alphakappadelta.org*** for more information. Again, congratulations!

Member Eligibility

- **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

- **Faculty members** must:
  - ✓ Be employed full-time at the host institution
  - ✓ Have been conferred the Ph.D. in sociology or be employed as a sociologist prior to initiation
  - ✓ Meet the other requirements set forth above

Benefits of Becoming a Member

- 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.
- AKD sponsors student paper contests for members with cash prizes.
- 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.