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 (majors, minors, and those who are interested 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 and job applications.

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 640 chapters of the Society and more than 110,000 lifetime members. We hope to include you among the members.

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
  - ✓ 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.
- 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 are eligible to receive a two-step boost in pay grade if they list AKD membership on their applications.

Name_____

Address_____

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        City   **State**   **Zip Code**

CWID #_____

E-Mail Address_____

Home Telephone_____**Cell Phone**_____

Major_____**Advisor**_____

Minor_____**Current GPA**_____

Academic Classification_____**Junior**_____**Senior**_____**Graduate Student**

INITIATION FEE of $65.00: (includes lifetime membership, a 1 year subscription of the AKD journal, an AKD lapel pin, local dues, and an AKD shirt). Please make the check payable to Alpha Kappa Delta and include it along with a **copy** of a current (unofficial or official) transcript with the member application form.

I hereby give the faculty member serving as the AKD Chapter Representative permission to determine my eligibility for membership by verifying my grade point average and my percentile rank in overall scholarship.

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     Signature   **Date**

Return this completed application to: *Mail to:*

Sociology Department   *Texas A&M University – Commerce*
Texas A&M University - Commerce   *Sociology & Criminal Justice*
Ferguson Social Science, 210   *PO Box 3011, Commerce, TX 75429-3011*
Direct Questions to: *Phone: (903) 886-5332*
William.thompson@tamuc.edu   *Fax: (903) 886-5330*

Chapter Representative Use Only: Payment Received _____   Cumulative GPA _____   Class Rank/Cumulative GPA _____   Initials _____
*This application is to be filed by the chapter. The Executive Office does not accept individual applications. **Do not send this to the AKD Office. Please fill out the Order Form and List of Initiates.***