



Alpha Lambda Delta

The Honor Society for First-Year Academic Success

Benefits of an Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter on Your Campus

- Institutions offer many important and much-needed services for students who struggle academically during their first year. But **are we doing enough to also provide for students who do well?** Offering membership in a scholastic honor society can enhance academic offerings and support the retention of successful first-year students. High-achieving students will be more inclined to stay the course at your institution if they are recognized for their accomplishments early in their collegiate career. Our research shows that **retention rates are 10% higher** for students who join Alpha Lambda Delta vs those who were invited to join but didn't.
- Alpha Lambda Delta is a nonprofit charitable organization. **Our national membership fee is \$30, onetime, lifetime.** The fee for establishing a new chapter is only \$100 (also onetime) and goes toward the cost of a satin insignia cloth to use at each induction ceremony, plus a custom-made hand drawn charter with each founding member's name.
- Over \$211,000 awarded annually in **undergraduate [scholarships](#) and graduate fellowships**, including an undergraduate scholarship to study abroad.
- Student leaders are invited to attend our annual **[Leadership Conference](#)**, hosted in a different city each year. **ALD covers the cost** for the hotel, conference material, and meals.
- **Leadership and engagement opportunities abound**, in particular during the **second year**. Students can stay engaged through graduation if they so choose, and thousands wear ALD honor cords at commencement ceremonies. Our newest programs include a **[leadership certificate series](#)** and **[Career Conversations](#)**.
- **Exclusive educational [discounts](#) and [perks](#)**, including test prep courses, international internships, and even discounts on movie tickets, shopping, food, travel, health memberships, and financial wellness.
- We know that many student organizations are dedicated to community service. We encourage our chapters to assess the service landscape on their campus and **create new and innovative ways to offer [meaningful service opportunities](#) for members.**
- **Chapter Advisor duties are not overwhelming** and can be a rewarding experience for a faculty or staff member interested in supporting high achieving students. ALD membership is managed using an online portal that can automate invitations and acceptances. The chapter functions like any other recognized student organization and is student-led.
- Students receive many invitations to join honor organizations, but not all of them are ACHS-certified. Alpha Lambda Delta is! **ACHS is the Association of College Honor Societies, and they set [standards](#) for national honor society excellence** and serve as the only certifying agency for college and university honor societies in the nation. Alpha Lambda Delta has been a certified member of ACHS since 1939.

A comprehensive **list of the benefits** to students can be found here: www.nationalald.org/benefits.

To **[start a chapter](#)**, contact Eileen Merberg, Executive Director, eileen@nationalald.org