

**Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society
at Indiana University
Chapter Constitution**

Article I: Name and Insignia

Section I.

The name of this Honor Society shall be Alpha Lambda Delta as it is affiliated with National Alpha Lambda Delta.

Section II.

The colors shall be red, gold, and white.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Society shall be to encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year in institutions of higher education, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society.

Article III: Organization

The members of the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society shall be those persons who have been duly initiated. There shall be no discrimination on account of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or military or veteran status in the initiation of individual members.

Bylaws

Article I: Eligibility for Membership in the Society

Section I.

Membership in the Society shall be based upon superior academic attainment by students during their first year in college. Advanced Placement credits earned prior to college will not be used to calculate eligibility for membership with Alpha Lambda Delta.

Section II.

The member must be registered as a full-time student for a course of study leading to a bachelor's degree for one or more terms of the first year of study.

Section III.

The minimum cumulative scholastic grade point average required for a membership is 3.5. The student shall have no incompletes or failures, and be in good standing with Indiana University.

Section IV.

In order for a member to be considered active they must attend approximately 75% of meetings, 50% of activities, and are encouraged to be a committee member.

Section V.

The benefits of being active include being eligible for any national or local Alpha Lambda Delta scholarships and experiencing a fuller sense of accomplishment and achievement through deeper involvement in this chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Article II: Honorary Members

Members of the faculty, administration, or college community may be elected to honorary membership by the chapter with the approval of the Advisor(s).

Article III: Initiation

Members may be initiated after the first or second term of their freshman year.

Article IV: Revenues

Section I.

The revenues of the Society shall be derived from dues, the amount per year to be determined by the majority vote of the Society. The membership dues are currently \$30; \$25 of which goes to the National Office and \$5 to the Indiana University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Section II.

The cost of graduation regalia (red, gold, and white cords) offered to the graduating members of the Indiana University Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta will be generated from derived revenues of the Society. *See Article X.*

Section III.

Revenues of the Society will provide for a development fund that the advisor(s) may choose to use for the executive board training and recognition. Up to 25% of the next year's budget derived from the most current ALD inductees can be used for this purpose.

Section IV.

In the event of dissolution, all monetary assets shall be returned to the Alpha Lambda Delta national office to be used toward student scholarships.

Article V: Election of Officers

Officers will be elected by an open vote of all members. Incoming members interested in becoming an officer are encouraged to fill out and turn in an application before the election, but write-in candidates are also welcome. If an officer position is not filled due either to a tie or no candidates, then the current executive board of officers will decide who will fill the position through a vote.

Article VI: Officers

The chapter officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. Only student members can serve as officers.

The duties of office shall be:

President

- Oversees the organization
- Calls and conducts meetings, reserves facilities
- Helps to create an interest in ALD among members and prospective members

- Maintains good communication between officers, advisors, and members
- Should be aware of all facets of Alpha Lambda Delta
- Possibly attend the National Leadership Conference

Vice President

- Works closely with the president in planning and executing all chapter business
- Should be knowledgeable in how the organization operates
- Takes over the president's responsibilities should the president be unable to do so
- Possibly attend the National Leadership Conference

Secretary

- Handles all correspondence and records
- Takes attendance and minutes at each meeting
- Keeps clear, accurate reports
- May construct and send a monthly newsletter to all members to keep them up-to-date on the important happenings within the organization.

Treasurer

- Handles the financial affairs of the chapter
- Keeps accurate records
- Pays bills on time
- Works with the president and advisor to prepare the annual financial report
- May work closely the Business Office for Student Orgs if account is held on campus

Historian

- Keeps the records of activities of the chapter
- Attends all events to take pictures of member activities
- If applying for Torch award, compiles the scrapbook

Service/Philanthropy Chair

- Works to plan service events
- Works closely with Publicity Chair to advertise events

Events Chair

- Plan reception that follows initiation
- Plan and organize other social events for the organization during the year

Publicity Chair

- Responsible for event advertising and publicity efforts
- Works closely with other officers to creatively promote ALD during recruitment season

In case of a vacancy of the President position, the Vice President shall be given the option to assume the position of President, along with all the duties of the position upon acceptance. Elections will then be held for the vacant Vice President position.

Article VII: Advisor

- Be present at all membership meetings and executive board meetings
- Preside over membership meetings in cases where decisions must be made in regard to the Executive Board.
- Conduct at least monthly meetings with the President and Treasurer, and one on one meetings as need with all other Executive Board members.
- Interpret the Constitution in cases of ambiguity.
- Interpret University policies as they apply to Alpha Lambda and the activities that they plan.
- Challenge and encourage the Executive Board to plan programs that are interesting and beneficial to the membership of Alpha Lambda Delta and the students of the University.
- Secure information on potential members for Alpha Lambda Delta from the University Registrar.

Article VIII: Impeachment

Section I: Grounds for Impeachment

Failure to fulfill the duties and qualifications of his/her office as defined and stated in the Constitution.

Section II: Procedure

- A. A charge of impeachment in written form is signed and submitted to the Advisor who will then bring it before the Alpha Lambda Executive Board meeting.
- B. Alpha Lambda Delta officers will decide whether or not to take action on a charge of impeachment. If action is decided to be taken on said impeachment, the accused officer will have until the next executive board meeting to prepare a rebuttal or resign from office. The executive board will make the final decision on whether or not to bring the impeachment to a membership meeting for vote.
- C. A three-fourths vote of the voting members of Alpha Lambda Delta membership is needed for an impeachment.
- D. The officer under consideration for impeachment may not vote.

Article IX: Meetings

There shall be a minimum of **four** chapter meetings per year, including initiation.

Executive board meetings will be held at least bi-weekly at a time and location to be determined by the executive board. The officers may call special meetings at any time for important matters.

Article X: Graduation

Section I.

All members of the Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta will be offered the opportunity to graduate with cords in honor of their association with the Society.

Section II.

The graduating senior member of the Chapter with the highest GPA the semester before graduation in both the Fall Semester and Spring Semester will be honored with the Senior Book Award.

Article XI: Non-Hazing

Section I.

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article XII: Personal Gain Clause

Section I.

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XIII: Amendments

Section I.

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by members of the Society and adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the active membership of the Society.

Section II.

Changes in Membership, Article I, must be approved by the Advisor(s).

Article XIV: Compliance

Section I.

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University, Indiana Board of Regents, and local, state, and federal laws and regulations.