

Are You a
Leader?



OMICRON DELTA KAPPA
The National Leadership Honor Society

What is OΔK?

CAMPUS *Leaders* MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The unique mission of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, is to recognize and encourage collaboration among collegiate leaders in areas such as scholarship, athletics, service, communications, and the arts. Our Society brings together student researchers, intercollegiate athletes and club sport participants, members of recognized student organizations and campus government officials, social media entrepreneurs, student journalists, and musicians and creative artists. OΔK also seeks to identify, celebrate, and engage collegiate and community leaders from different backgrounds, perspectives, and generations.



Our *History*

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded on Dec. 3, 1914, on the campus of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. The Society was founded by a group of 15 students, faculty, and administrators who believed that leadership at the collegiate level should be recognized and encouraged across all phases of campus life.

OΔK has 318 active circles (chapters) and initiates an average of 8,000 new members each year. In 2020, our Society began accepting sophomores as lifetime members.

Our *Ideals*

- **Scholarship** – to strive for excellence in academics and to pursue lifelong learning
- **Service** – to answer the call for action from one's community or country
- **Integrity** – to align one's values and beliefs with behaviors and speech
- **Character** – to distinguish oneself for the good of humanity
- **Fellowship** – to embrace those in the Society as equals seeking inclusive bonds across diverse communities and generations



WHAT ARE THE *Reasons* TO JOIN?

SELECTIVE MEMBERSHIP: OΔK only accepts student leaders with high academic achievement. Faculty, staff, and alumni must be leaders in their field, on campus, or in the community. No more than 5% of an institution's undergraduate population may be initiated in any year. This is an honor that will serve you throughout your life.

IDENTIFIED LEADERS: As a member of OΔK, you will be among a select group of leaders from your institution. You have the opportunity to expand those leadership skills through the National Leadership Conference and the growing number of leadership development programs offered by OΔK.

NATIONAL NETWORK: With more than 320,000 members, the OΔK network spans higher education, business, entertainment, sports, mass media, and many other fields. The OΔK name or symbol on a resume is instantly recognizable to fellow members as the certification of accomplished collegiate leadership.

OΔK provides me with ... goal-oriented and disciplined peers who will sharpen and encourage me in my ambitions. By linking arms with other campus leaders and academic achievers, I am inspired and motivated to work harder in my endeavors.

— Hannah Moss, Auburn University Circle

WHAT ARE THE *Qualifications* FOR MEMBERSHIP?

CLASS ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduate students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior by credits enrolled in a degree-granting program.

Graduate/ Professional students must be enrolled in a degree-granting program.

Faculty, staff, and administrators must be a full or part-time employee at the institution.

Alumni an individual must wait at least five years to be initiated into the circle where received their degree.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduates must be in the top 35% of their class (usually 3.5/4.0 GPA).

Graduate/professional academic eligibility is determined by each circle (usually 3.6/4.0 GPA).

All student candidates must have been enrolled on their campus for at least one-half year (one semester).

LEADERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

All candidates for membership must demonstrate leadership in one of the five phases of campus life and embrace the OΔK ideals.



WHAT ARE THE OTHER *Benefits* OF MEMBERSHIP?

SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply for one of more than 35 scholarships of \$1,000 and \$2,500 for graduate school expenses.

INTERNSHIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Explore an internship with one of our partner organizations, and look for scholarships and waived application fees to some of these programs.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Members enhance their leadership through national and regional programs, online educational and career content, and by serving on national committees.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Connect with our online job and internship board for career opportunities. Through LinkedIn and other social media, connect with leaders in your field who share your OΔK experience.

INSURANCE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OΔK offers our members savings worth more than your National Lifetime Membership Fee through agreements with GEICO, LifeLock, and others.

TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINMENT

Membership in OΔK gives you access to discounts on car rentals, hotels, cruises, and some of the world's best entertainment venues.

SHOPPING DISCOUNTS

Members receive discounts through OfficeDepot/Office Max, Sam's Club, and other national brands.



WHAT ARE THE *Steps* TO BECOME A MEMBER?

- 1 CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CIRCE:** The college or university circle (chapter) manages the membership selection process. Each circle has a unique process which may include information sessions, interviews, and tapping. The circle members review applications and vote on the acceptance of new members.
- 2 COMPLETE THE NATIONAL APPLICATION:** All potential members must complete the national membership application. The lifetime membership fee is \$88. This is the only membership fee the Society ever requires.
- 3 ATTEND AN INITIATION CEREMONY:** To complete the membership process, an applicant must attend an initiation ceremony, in-person or virtual, held by the local circle. This is both a formal occasion and a celebration of leaders.



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