

# ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Is this a real honor society?**

That's a great question to ask because there are many scams out there posing as real honor societies. Alpha Lambda Del-ta is real and was founded in 1924, making it one of the oldest. Salem State University has hosted a chapter on campus since 1986, which was re-invigorated in 2014 after a short hiatus. Salem State inducts over 150 students each year to the organization.

### **Is everyone invited to join?**

No – only the top 20% of the class is invited to join. In addition, students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA. At Salem State University, the top 20% of the class typically has a 3.6 or higher, making our chapter a very prestigious one.

### **Can I decide to join after the deadline indicated in the materials you sent?**

No – if you do not accept your membership (and pay your lifetime membership fee) by the established deadline, you will not be able to join later. This is a national policy. We highly recommend if you want to be a part of the honor society you join by the deadline.

### **Do I have to pay the membership fee each year?**

No – your membership fee is a one-time fee for life, and one of the lowest in the nation for collegiate honor societies. There are no other required costs ever.

### **Does my GPA need to stay above a 3.5 in order to stay a member?**

No - once you join the honor society, you are a member for life no matter what grades you receive. Alpha Lambda Delta honors your first semester performance.

### **Where can I hear more about ALD events and opportunities?**

Great question! The best way to get information on Alpha Lambda Delta is through following our social media page-@ssualphalambdadelta on Instagram--and by keeping an eye out for emails from our chapter once inducted.

### **What are the benefits of being in Alpha Lambda Delta?**

There are many! You will receive a formal induction certificate, membership pin, and graduation cords to wear at com-mencement (all of which are covered by your membership fee.) In addition, members have the opportunity to apply for ALD member-only scholarships to help defray the costs of tuition/fees, study abroad, or attend graduate school. Members are also invited to exclusive events on-campus, coordinated by the ALD Executive Board, like social gatherings or our annual event where a professional photographer will take a free headshot for you. The national organization also hosts events and leadership/career development opportunities for members. Beyond that, you join a long established network of over 1 million inductees from 280 participating institutions nation-wide.

### **I have a really busy schedule. Is being a member going to take a lot of time?**

Absolutely not – once you're inducted there are no requirements for participation. You can choose to be as active a mem-ber as your schedule permits. Some students decide to build their resume by taking on a leadership role, some students choose to attend events, and some students are comfortable with simply being inducted. There are no requirements when it comes to involvement.

### **How can I get involved?**

While the membership has no requirements for participation, there are typically several social and/or academic events held throughout the semester for current members. If becoming an ALD Executive Board member is something you would be interested in--where you would help coordinate these aforementioned events--contact [firstyear@salemstate.edu](mailto:firstyear@salemstate.edu) to get in touch about the application process.

### **I still have questions - who should I contact?**

Check out our website, [aldssu.weebly.com](http://aldssu.weebly.com), or reach out to [firstyear@salemstate.edu](mailto:firstyear@salemstate.edu) with any additional questions you may have.