

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

2008 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Call for Papers

Each year Alpha Kappa Delta sponsors an undergraduate student paper competition. Alpha Kappa Delta welcomes submissions from undergraduate students who are members of the Society, whether or not they are involved in AKD chapter activities. All submissions must be received by **February 1, 2008**.

1st Prize \$600.00 and up to \$600.00 in travel expenses to the 2008 Annual Meeting of the *American Sociological Association*. 1st-place papers will be published in *Sociological Inquiry* if authors choose to submit them. If submitted for publication, members of the Editorial Board of *Sociological Inquiry* will assist with editing. If published in *Sociological Inquiry* the paper will list the institution the author attended when the paper was written.

2nd Prize \$300.00 and up to \$600.00 in travel expenses to the 2008 Annual Meeting of the *American Sociological Association*.

3rd Prize \$150.00 and up to \$600.00 in travel expenses to the 2008 Annual Meeting of the *American Sociological Association*.

Authors of all prize-winning papers will receive one-year extensions of their subscriptions to *Sociological Inquiry*. The authors and faculty sponsors of prize-winning papers will be notified of their selection by March 15, 2008. All others will be notified in a timely manner.

Winners are encouraged to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association with travel support from Alpha Kappa Delta. Monetary prizes will be presented to winners at the AKD Distinguished Lecture during the 2008 Annual Meeting of the *American Sociological Association* in Boston, **August 1-4, 2008**. In order to receive the travel support portion of the award, paper winners **must** attend the Distinguished Lecture.

ASA Honors Program. The *American Sociological Association* has reserved slots in the 2008 ASA Honors Program for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. Winners are encouraged to arrive in Boston on Thursday, July 31, 2008 to participate in the complete schedule of Honors Program activities lasting through Monday morning, August 4, 2008. Lodging in Boston will be arranged by ASA at a reduced student rate. AKD will prepay a \$200.00 registration and housing fee directly to ASA for contest winners who participate in the Honors Program. In addition, AKD will pay \$400 directly to winners who participate fully in the 2008 ASA Honors Program. This \$400 payment will be made when winners are reimbursed for travel. Thus, winners who participate in the Honors Program receive a cash prize of \$600, \$300, or \$150, prepayment of the \$200 ASA Honors Program registration fee, a lump sum payment of \$400 for participation in the Honors Program, and up to \$600 travel reimbursement. All paper contest winners are **strongly encouraged** to participate in the Honors Program—a great opportunity for travel, scholarship, and professional development.

See the other side of this page for the entry requirements.

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REQUIREMENTS

To be considered, each entry must conform to the following requirements:

1. **Eligibility.** The author must be a current member of AKD and the paper must have been written while the author was enrolled as an undergraduate student during at least one term of the 2007 calendar year (January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007). Papers must be single-authored. No student may author more than one paper entered in the 2008 competition. The paper cannot have been previously published or be currently under consideration by a professional journal.
2. A **cover letter** from a sociology faculty member who is an active member of AKD and serving as the Chapter Representative must affirm:
 - a. Fulfillment of the eligibility requirements.
 - b. The author's name, institution at the time the paper was written, and the title of the paper. The author's name should not appear anywhere in the title page, abstract, or paper.
 - c. The author's and the Chapter Representative's names, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and mailing addresses for February through August 2008.
3. The paper must have sociological content and focus, but may be empirical, theoretical, or a critical review of the literature.
4. An abstract of 100-150 words must summarize the major points of the paper.
5. The paper may not exceed 35 double-spaced pages at 10 cpi or 12 pt, including tables, appendices, and references. For a detailed statement on format and requirements consult the inside cover of the Official Journal of Alpha Kappa Delta, *Sociological Inquiry*.
6. Submit three (3) copies of the paper with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

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