By-Laws of Alpha Lambda Delta

The Ohio State University Chapter

**Purpose Statement**

Alpha Lambda Delta’s mission is to engage our members with similar academic achievements around leadership, scholarship, and service. We are aiming to create philanthropy opportunities for the Columbus communities specifically focused on battling food insecurity during the 2022-2023 school year.

**Article 1 – Name**

This society shall be known as Alpha Lambda Delta or ALD.

**Article 2 – Membership**

Section 1: Criteria for membership. Any person, irrespective of membership in other organizations and associations shall be eligible for membership in ALD if all the following criteria are met:

1. the person is enrolled as a student at The Ohio State University either at the Columbus campus or one of the regional campuses
2. the person achieves a cumulative grade point average of a 3.5 at the close of any curricular period of the first year of registration at The Ohio State University
3. the student is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program during the curricular period in which the requisite grade point average is achieved.
4. the academic work upon which the grade point average is based is acceptable toward a bachelor’s degree
5. the student is classified as a full-time student who has earned at least 12 credit hours in the period in which the requisite grade point is achieved.
6. the student has not completed more than twenty semester hours at another college or university after high school and before matriculation at The Ohio State University
7. a student must rank in the upper 20% of his or her class

Section 2: Such honorary members may be initiated by any chapter upon the express recommendation of the chapter advisor, student advisor, chapter president, and by a three-fourths majority vote by the executive committee.

Section 3: No member of ALD can be suspended or expelled from membership except by the unanimous vote of the executive committee; such action to be reported by the national committee at the next meeting of the national organizations.

Section 4: Persons suspended or expelled from membership may be reinstated by a unanimous vote of the executive committee.

Section 5: A member shall remain active in the local organization for the length of their undergraduate studies. Students shall retain their membership in the national organizations for a lifetime.

Section 6: A member will be initiated into ALD in the spring semester of the freshman year once the student has accepted membership and paid fees. The chapter will sponsor one initiation a year to be held during spring semester.

**Article 3 – Fees**

Every member shall upon initiation pay a one-time national membership fee of $50 to Alpha Lambda Delta.

**Article 4 – Officers**

Section 1: There shall be an executive committee, to wit: the president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, initiation chair, public relations coordinator, two (2) AOSCH representatives, up to two (2) upper class student advisors, and the faculty and staff advisors. The upper class advisor, staff advisor, and faculty advisor will have a voice but no vote in board decisions.

Section 2: The general officers of the society shall be elected by vote of the membership and shall hold their office for a period of one year until their successors have been elected. The president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, initiation chair, public relations coordinator, and AOSCH representatives must be elected as sophomores.

Section 3: The executive committee shall meet at the call of the president upon ten days notice. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4: Any member of the executive committee may be removed for just cause. For removal of a member of the executive committee for cause, it shall be necessary for the executive committee to hold a formal hearing. A statement of the charges shall be sent by registered mail to the most recent address of the member, accompanied by the notice of time and place of the meeting at which the charges are to be considered. At least 14 days notice shall be given. The decision for removal shall be by a two-thirds vote of the executive committee members.

Section 5: Should a member of the executive committee be removed or resign, the committee member can be replaced by a special election or the executive committee can appoint a new member with a two-thirds vote.

**Article 5 – Meetings**

Section 1: General body meetings shall occur at the discretion of the executive board upon fourteen days notice. It is recommended that meetings should be set and advertised at the beginning of each academic semester.

Section 2: Committee meetings shall occur at the call of the committee chair. Meetings of each committee shall be held at least twice each semester of the school year.

**Article 6 – Finances**

Section 1: The funds of the society shall be kept in a local bank under the name Alpha Lambda Delta. The chapter advisors and the treasurer will be signers of the organization account.

Section 2: All money spent must be approved prior to purchase by the treasurer and one advisor. This approval must occur in writing via email.

Section 3: If an expense exceeds $250, it must be approved by the executive board by a 2/3 majority vote.

**Article 7 – Scholarships**

Section 1: Each year the Ohio State chapter of ALD will offer at least $200 in local scholarship awards depending on yearly fundraising efforts. The number and amount of scholarships will be determined by a majority vote of the executive board.

Section 2: The application for either the national ALD shall serve as the application for the local scholarship(s).

Section 3: Scholarship recipients are chosen by a review panel made up of the advisors, treasurer, and members of the scholarship committee. Selection is based off of strength of application and service to Ohio State community and local chapter of ALD.

**Article 8 – Amendments**

Proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws must be read to members of the honor society. A three-fourths vote of all members present is necessary for the amendment to pass. Ten percent (10%) of ALD total membership is necessary for a quorum.

**Non Discrimination Clause**

Alpha Lambda Delta does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.