



OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

The National Leadership Honor Society

Charter Relationship Statement

The mission of Omicron Delta Kappa is to identify, honor and develop leaders in collegiate and community life; to encourage collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and alumni to advance leadership; and to promote and publicize our ideals.

Omicron Delta Kappa grants the privilege of establishing a circle (a chapter), to a college or university. The understanding is that the charter is granted not to the original select group of students, faculty, or administrators, but it is awarded to the institution which is then entrusted with the success and management of the circle.

By accepting the charter, the institution and circle agree to abide by and support the OΔK mission to the fullest extent possible through the following: assisting the advisors and officers of the circle; encouraging circle and campus members to participate in OΔK activities; promoting OΔK membership; and ensuring the uninterrupted operation of the circle during advisor transitions.

The conditions for granting the charter include the following:

1. The institution fully understands that a circle of Omicron Delta Kappa is not a “student organization” in that the responsibility for the management and success of the circle is not solely the responsibility of students. The institution holds the charter and, as such, will ensure that the advisors and student officers maintain the organization in active status as defined by the OΔK bylaws at all times.
2. The institution is responsible for ensuring that two advisors are appointed and actively engaged in the circle at all times. Advisors must be permanent full or part-time paid employees of the institution. The part-time employees should not be graduate assistants or other similar temporary employees.
3. The institution will ensure that the annual affiliation fee is paid in a timely manner and that all financial transactions with OΔK will be managed appropriately.
4. The circle agrees that it will not adopt any other purpose that detracts from or conflicts with OΔK purpose or tax-exempt status.

Omicron Delta Kappa has a vested interest in the success and growth of a circle at all levels. The institution can expect the following from the national organization:

1. OΔK will provide initial and regular training for advisors and students officers.
2. OΔK will provide efficient and effective means for circles to manage the membership application and selection process
3. OΔK will provide leadership education programs through the national leadership conference, regional workshops, and online platforms.
4. OΔK will maintain resources for circles to ensure the best possible, recruitment, selection, and engagement of circle members.

If at any time either party consistently fails to meet the tenets of this agreement, either party may request to have the charter recalled by the national organization. The final recall of a charter requires the consent of the Society’s governing body.

Affirmed by the Society Board of Directors on January 12, 2019