

I
N
V
I
T
A
T
I
O
N

L
E
T
T
E
R

Dear

We are pleased to invite you to become a member of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, the national honor society for graduate and professional school students. Alpha Epsilon Lambda is the only national organization that seeks to recognize the achievements of graduate and professional school students.

This honorary society seeks to honor and promote graduate students who are outstanding scholars (members must be in the top 35% of campus graduate students). Secondly, the society seeks to promote leadership in all forms. And finally, we are seeking members who have a life-long commitment to public service and outreach endeavors.

Alpha Epsilon Lambda was formed in 1990 and currently has 40 established chapters in the US. The founders designed AEL with the intention of promoting greater interaction and cooperation between the campus graduate student advocacy organizations (graduate student associations, councils, senates, unions, etc.) and the graduate school (faculty and administrators). This was to be accomplished by providing a forum in which advocacy issues would not be a focus, thus allowing students, faculty and administrators the opportunity for shared leadership and participation in an organization intended to simply recognize the achievements of graduate students and to provide service to the graduate students and college.

Alpha Epsilon Lambda has several membership categories: Member, National Member, National Fellow and Governing Member. Each Chapter Member pays \$15 national dues upon initiation. Exceptional graduate students at campuses without an AEL chapter may apply directly to the National Headquarters for National Member Status.

We have enclosed an application form for AEL membership with this letter. Further information about the society can be found on the website www.gradschools.org. We hope you will take this opportunity to join!

Sincerely,

Chapter Name:

University:

Alpha Epsilon Lambda