



OPEN MEMBERSHIP POLICY

2010

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International has an ***Open Membership Policy***. Pursuant to the actions of the 56th Biennial Convention, Article III, Section 2(d) of the International Constitution and By-Laws was changed to eliminate the ability of Alumni, Law and Pre-Law Chapters to select their new members. As such, anyone who:

- Is a student in good standing (as defined by their school's student handbook);
- Is attending a school where a Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is chartered;
- Submits a completed membership application;
- Submits their International Initiation fee;
- Submits their local chapter dues (in the amount as defined in the appropriately adopted local chapter by-laws);

shall be allowed to take part in that chapters' next initiation ceremony and become a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International's Pre-Law Program. This change was in response to some chapters' attempts to restrict membership based upon race, gender and/or social status.

A chapter may not require students interested in joining to conduct interviews, carry notebooks or have any type of assignment that a current member can choose not to do.

It is irrelevant whether or not a student interested in joining consents to participate in these or other types of activities.

Any chapter that attempts to hold "pledge education" events in violation of the ***Open Membership Policy***, or the spirit thereof, or restrict membership in any way, shape or form faces losing their chapter charter. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Office.

Thank you.