



Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) Chapter Requirements

To be affiliated with the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), a law student organization must:

1. Be a recognized student group, club, or organization within their law school.
2. Incorporate Article Seven from the SALDF Sample By-Laws and the following mission statement into its by-laws or constitution:

To provide a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarship aimed at protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system, and raising the profile of the field of animal law.

3. Include ALDF's Student Programs Attorney Kelly Levenda (klevenda@aldf.org) in any chapter email lists.
4. Have at least two active members.
5. Established chapters must provide a list of officers and their email addresses for the current academic year to Kelly at the email listed above or using the [online form](#) no later than October 1st. New chapters may form at any time during the year.
6. Use the name "Student Animal Legal Defense Fund" as the chapter name. You may incorporate your school name, i.e., _____ Law School Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, or Student Animal Legal Defense Fund of _____ Law School.

It is preferred but not required that the applying organization have a faculty advisor.

SALDF chapters should strive for food served at SALDF events to be plant-based as this is in line with ALDF & SALDF's mission to protect the lives of animals. This is consistent with [ALDF's project grant requirement](#) that any food funded by ALDF must be plant-based.

Benefits

A law student organization that is affiliated with ALDF may advertise that fact and will be recognized on our [website](#) as such. Student chapters may use the SALDF logo if desired and have access to [tabling materials](#) from ALDF including newsletters, brochures, and stickers free of charge.

Through ALDF's SALDF chapter grants program, chapters may [apply for grants](#) to support [chapter-initiated projects](#) such as events, speakers, etc. ALDF also offers special [travel grants](#) for chapter members to attend animal law conferences and competitions.

Chapter officers will be added to the ALDF Law Student eNewsletter and receive announcements about educational and funding opportunities, animal law events, employment and internship opportunities, and ALDF cases and campaigns.

Forming an SALDF chapter also makes animal law more visible at law schools, encouraging peers to think and debate about this emerging field of law.

Please contact ALDF Student Programs Attorney Kelly Levenda with any questions at klevenda@aldf.org.