# 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt Application



#### **Instructions:**

- Complete and submit the entire Black Belt Application. Application must be professional and typed (no handwritten applications accepted)
- Submit pages in page protectors in a temporary folder

## **Title Page:**

Name, Title, 8x10" color photograph of you

Short Answer Questions: These should be answered with a complete response. Fully explain your thoughts and reasoning. 1 or 2 sentence answers will not be accepted.

- 1. What most influenced you to continue your training in the Dan levels and why?
- 2. What are your plans/hopes for the future?
- 3. What is the most significant benefit you feel that you have received from your training?
- 4. Do you have any suggestions on how we can continue to approve Tan Ren Do Karate?

Essay Questions: These questions should be answered in essay format. Minimum of a single spaced 1 page essay (12 pt font) that is well reasoned is expected for each question.

- 1. Why do you want and deserve a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt?
- 2. Separate outlines of your two enrichment experiences. Include:
  - A description of the experience
  - The benefit you provided to yourself
  - The benefit you provided to others
  - How you will continue to use this experience to improve

### **Dojang Contributions:**

Outline the contributions you have made to our Dojo. Be specific. How do you contribute as an upper rank student?

#### Service:

Outline the service you have provided. Include date, time, organization, type and purpose.

#### **Tournament History:**

Include a tournament history listing: Tournament Name, Date, Entered Events, Awards

#### **Grade Report:**

Include a grade report(s) from the time you received your 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Black Belt to the present

#### **Letters of Recommendation**

Include 2 formal letters of recommendation. These can be from a Sensei, teacher, community member or employer. The letter should include their relationship to you and why they would support you becoming an advanced rank Tan Ren Do Black Belt. Address the letter to Sensei Cory Fisher.