

2nd 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 improve Tan Ren Do Karate?

Essay Question: Choose one. This question should be answered in essay format. Minimum of a single spaced 1 page essay (12 pt font) that is well reasoned is expected.

1. Tan Ren Do is translated as “The Way of the Refiners Fire”. In what ways do you feel you've been refined since 1st Degree Black Belt? How do you wish to continue to refine yourself?
2. In what ways (not including your enrichment experience) do you feel you contribute to Tan Ren Do Karate and Cory's Karate? Why is this important?

Additional Essays: These should be presented in essay format. Minimum of a single spaced 1 page essay (12 pt font) that is well reasoned is expected for each essay.

1. Provide an explanation of your enrichment experience. 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
2. Weapon Essay: Katana

Service:

- Outline the service you have provided since 1st Degree Black Belt. 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 1st Dan Black Belt to the present

Letters of Recommendation

- Include 2 formal letters of recommendation. One from a parent and one from a Sensei, teacher, leader or employer. The letter should include their relationship to you and why they would support you becoming a 2nd Degree Black Belt. Address the letter to Sensei Cory Fisher.