



# Midwest Kendo Federation Promotion Application

**Print legibly**

AUSKF # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
last first middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
street city state zip

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Will be used to contact if there is a problem, write legibly!)

Regional Federation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If other than Midwest Kendo Federation attach AUSKF promotion application)

Dojo & Dojo Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal kendo history: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Membership requirements for testing: For 2-6 kyu you must be a member of the Midwest Kendo Federation (MWKF) or another All U.S. Kendo Federation (AUSKF) Regional Federation. For 1 kyu through 4-dan you must also be a member of the AUSKF. If your dojo is not a MWKF member, fill out the AUSKF promotion application and attach.
2. Attach copy of current menjo if testing for 1-dan or above.
3. Fees: Make SEPARATE checks to Midwest Kendo Federation (test fee, menjo fee,)
  - A. Testing fee: Kyu \$15 Dan \$30
  - B. Menjo fee: see fee schedule

Applicants signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sensei signature and printed name \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklist:

1. Staple test fee to form (made out to Midwest Kendo Federation)
2. Staple menjo fee to form ( Separate check made out to Midwest Kendo Federation. If test is not passed, check can be picked up, otherwise it will be destroyed)
3. Copy of menjo if testing for 1-dan or above. If you've passed but haven't received your menjo make a note of it.
4. MWKF/AUSKF membership form if applicable
5. AUSKF promotion form if member of other regional kendo federation
6. Sensei's signature
7. Ikkyu & dans applicants, bring essays to testing. Do not mail with **application.**

Menjo fees (circle one)	
2-6 kyu \$10 (English only)	
English	
1 kyu	
17 & under	\$10
18 & over	\$20
1-Dan	\$30
2-Dan	\$40
3-Dan	\$60
4-Dan	\$80
<b>Menjo checks can be picked up if test is not passed otherwise they will be destroyed.</b>	

Mail to;  
**Bob Mack**  
**3545 Kenbrooke Court**  
**Kalamazoo, MI 49006**

STAPLE TEST FEE CHECK FEE HERE

STAPLE MENJO CHECK FEE HERE

# **Midwest Kendo Federation Promotion Test Application Instructions**

**Please note these instructions carefully. Your application is evaluated as part of the test.**

**For all applicants, please read:**

- All checks should be made out to the Midwest Kendo Federation (or MWKF).
- Separate checks must be made out for each individual taking an examination. Single checks for more than one person will not be accepted.
- Separate checks (all made out to the MWKF) must be made out for test fees and certificates.
- Only complete packages will be considered. Incomplete or incorrectly done applications will be returned or accepted and shortfalls noted on candidate's scorecard.
- Those from **outside** the MWKF region must fill out an “**AUSKF Request for Promotional Examination by an Affiliate Organization of the AUSKF**” form along with the MWKF test form.
- Applications will not be taken the weekend of the test.

**6-2 kyu test requirements:**

- Only people in bogu (armor) will be tested.
- Must be a member (i.e. paid the appropriate dues) of the MWKF or your own Regional Federation of the AUSKF.
- Must complete the test application form and have it signed by your instructor. If no instructor is present, a sandan and up signature will suffice.
- Must pay a \$15 test fee.
- Must include a separate \$10 check for your kyu certificate (menjo). If you fail the test, your check will be returned.
- All materials must be sent as one package and be postmarked by deadline.

**1 kyu test requirements:**

- Must be a member (i.e. paid the appropriate dues) of the MWKF or your own Regional Federation of the AUSKF **AND** a member of the AUSKF. For MWKF members, attach the membership application form if necessary
- Must complete the test application form and have it signed by your instructor. If no instructor is present, a sandan and up signature will suffice.
- Must pay a \$15 test fee.
- Must include a separate check (\$20 adults, \$10 children 17 & under) for your kyu certificate (menjo). If you fail the test, your check will be returned.
- All materials must be sent as one package and be postmarked by deadline.
- Bring essays to test, if successful hand it in.

**1-4 dan test requirements:**

- Must be a member (i.e. paid the appropriate dues) of the MWKF or your own Regional Federation of the AUSKF **AND** a member of the AUSKF. For MWKF members, attach the membership application form if necessary
- Must complete the test application form and have it signed by your instructor.
- Must include copy of your current rank certification (menjo). If your menjo is not available, a certification letter from the regional federation that issued it (prefecture of Japan, Korea, U.S. regional etc.) must be obtained.
- Must pay a \$30 test fee.
- Must include a separate check for your dan certificate (menjo) - note type and cost on application form under “Menjo Fees.” If you fail the test, your check will be returned.
- All materials must be sent as one package and be postmarked by deadline.
- Bring essays to test, if successful hand it in.

**If you'd like a confirmation on your promotion application, email bmack44226@aol.com**

**For more information see the MWKF website- <http://www.midwestkendo.com/home/>**

**Deadline Varies By Testing Date. Please check tournament packet for exact date.**

## Questions for AUSKF Kendo Ranking Examinations

**Ikkyu:** Explain the benefits of kirikaeshi

**Shodan:** Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- (A) Describe ki-ken-tai-ichi
- (B) Describe 3 types of kendo footwork

**Nidan:** Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- (A) Describe the 4 types of kendo “sickness”
- (B) Describe the 3 “ma-ai”

**Sandan:** Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- (A) Describe the elements of “yuko-datotsu”
- (B) Describe “enzan-no metsuke”

**Yondan:** Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- (A) Describe the benefits of the Kendo kata and its relevance to shinai keiko
- (B) Describe the elements of “yuko-datotsu” (don’t use this question if you answered it as a sandan)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- This is an **ESSAY** question, **DO NOT** write a short , few sentence answer. Essay can be in Japanese or English.
- Use you own words, don’t just copy something.
- Your essay must be approved by your instructor. Have it signed.
- Include your name
- Regional Kendo Federation
- Dojo

**Bring the essay to the test and hand in if successful.**

Rank to be examined	Standards of Eligibility for Examination
6-Rokkyu to 2-Nikyu	The examination for kyu shall be determined by each organization.
1-Ikkyu	No time period stipulated no age restriction. Matches, Kata 1-3 Written examination
1-Shodan	3 months or more after receipt of Ikkyu and age 14 or older. Matches, Kata 1-5 Written examination
2-Nidan	1 year or more after receipt of Shodan and age 15 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 Written examination
3-Sandan	2 years or more after receipt of Nidan and age 17 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and kodachi kata 1-3 Written examination
4-Yondan	3 years or more after receipt of Sandan and age 20 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and kodachi kata 1-3 Written examination

For 1-kyu and Dans – The test is given in 2 parts, shinai kendo and kata. If you pass the shinai kendo part then you will move on to the kendo kata part. If you do not pass the kendo kata, you will have 1 chance to test again within 1 year from that date and only take the kata portion of the test.



## ALL UNITED STATES KENDO FEDERATION

### AUSKF Request for Promotional Examination by an Affiliate Organization of the AUSKF

Application date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name of the affiliate that will conduct the test: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ex. AEUSKF, PNKF, SUSKIF, etc)

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Member of club \_\_\_\_\_ RKF \_\_\_\_\_

### Copy of current menjo must accompany this form

Recommended by (head instructor) _____ (print)
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Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

RKF President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

VPP&E President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Instructions:

- This form is only needed if you are NOT a member of the MWKF, it is to get approval for testing outside of your regional kendo federation.
- Fill out your information and get it signed by your regional federation president or the vice-president in charge of promotions.
- Mail this form in along with your MWKF promotion application.
- In lieu of their signatures, the above officers can email me their approval at

[bmack44226@aol.com](mailto:bmack44226@aol.com)