

Instructions for high-rank dan application (6th dan and above)

Honbu will accept high-rank dan applications twice a year in May and October to evaluate foreign and domestic students of 6th dan and above. Students who pass the evaluation will be recommended by Kimura dojocho to Yukihiro Inoue, Chairman of AYF, for final approval.

Evaluation criteria

- The requisite number of years of training has been completed.
- The proficiency level is appropriate for the desired rank (Honbu reserves the right to request video footage on which Kimura dojocho can base his assessment).
- The individual is dedicated to Yoshinkan Aikido and strives for its popularization and development.
- The individual serves as a model for others and is respected by his/her students and neighboring Yoshinkan dojos.

Recommendation requirements

1. Recommendations for 6th dan should be given by an 8th or above dan recommending instructor and recommendations for 7th dan by a 9th dan recommending instructor. (Please note that Honbu will not evaluate such applicants, but rather ratify their new rank).

The recommending instructor should submit page 1 and 2 of the high-rank dan application form*. Page 1 is to be completed by the recommending instructor, and page 2 is to be completed by the applicant. Both pages should be signed accordingly.

2. For an 8th dan promotion or for those who have no recommending instructor, Honbu will act as one. Applicants should contact Honbu prior to their application and submit page 1 and 2 of the high-rank dan application form*. Page 1 must not be signed and the recommendation box should be left blank for Kimura dojocho to complete. Page 2 must be completed and signed by the applicant. Along with the application form, letters of recommendation from two senior Yoshinkan instructors, preferably located in a neighboring area, should be submitted. Their rank should be equivalent to or higher than the desired rank.

*The application form should be created in accordance with the prescribed format, published at;

<https://www.yoshinkan.net/kaiinE/applicationEHRD.html>

In case of errors or omissions in the documents, corrections must be made by the deadline, announced by Honbu when the submission period starts.

Materials should be sent to AYF International department, at the following email address: ayfs@carol.ocn.ne.jp . Alternatively, the items can be posted to the following address (they must reach Honbu by the deadline):

Aikido Yoshinkai Foundation,
2F Toyo Building, 4-17-15,
Takadanobaba, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo,
169-0075, Japan

AYF will notify applicants of the result of their submissions at the email address provided in the application form. Certificates will be processed and posted to successful applicants upon receipt of payment.