

# UNITED STATES JUDO ASSOCIATION

## **Aikido Promotion Form**

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#### Section 1

### **Information and Instructions**

- 1. Promotions fees are \$20.00 for 6<sup>th</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, \$30.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 1<sup>st</sup> kyu, \$125.00 for Shodan, \$150.00 for Nidan, \$175.00 for Sandan, \$200.00 for Yondan, \$225.00 for Godan, \$250.00 for Rokudan, \$300.00 for Shichidan, \$350.00 for Hachidan, \$400.00 for Kudan, and \$500.00 for Judan.
- 2. All candidates must have achieved the required time-in-grade technical requirements for their next promotion in accordance with the Aikido test requirements/guidelines plus the changes listed in section 7 and 8 of this form.
- 3. Please make sure that the applicant is a current member of the USJA. If not please include fee for annual or life membership.
- 4. Please make checks or money orders payable to the above address.

Section 2	Information on Ap	pplicant							
Name:(First)	(Middle Initial)	(Last)	Date:						
Address:									
City:	State:_		_Zip:						
Birth Date:	_Age:Telephone:	F	ax:						
Dojo/Club Sensei's Name:_	Dojo/Club Name:								
Date You Started Aikido:	Email Address:								
Section 3	tion 3 Promotions Requirements Met Since Last Promotion								
Present Rank	Rank Recommended For:	Existi	ng Time in Grade:						
List any special awards or achievements the candidate has accomplished since his or her last promotion on a separate paper as necessary. This may include national or international work, public relations, demonstrations, etc.									
			Time Requirements						
For this information visit our USJA Aikido website posted under "USJA Aikido Rank Guidelines"									

Section 5	on 5 Aikido Certification by Instructor and /or Examiners						
<b>Recommendation by the Instructor:</b> I certify that my student requirements for this promotion and authorize him/her to be policies and procedures.							
Signature of Instructor		Date					
Printed name of Instructor							
Certification by the Candidate: I certify that all the answers and scores recorded on the rank exam were properly earned and that the indicated time in grade are correct and true.							
Signature of Candidate		Date					
Printed name of Candidate	Printed name of Candidate						
Certification by the Examiners: We certify that the above named candidate has not passedhas passed.							
Rank Exam as administrated by me for the rank of							
Signature of Examiner #1		Date					
Printed name of Examiner #1		Rank of Examiner #1					
Signature of Examiner #2		Date					
Printed name of Examiner #2		Rank of Examiner #2					
Signature of Examiner #3		Date					
Printed name of Examiner #3		Rank of Examiner #3					
Section 6 Aikido History Must be Completed for all Promotions							
Date of 6 <sup>th</sup> Class (Rokyu)	Date o	Date of 1st Degree (Shodan)					
Date of 5 <sup>th</sup> Class (Gokyu)	of 5 <sup>th</sup> Class (Gokyu) Date of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree (Nidan)						
Date of 4 <sup>th</sup> Class (Yonkyu)	(Yonkyu) Date of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree (Sandan)						
ate of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class (Sankyu) Date of 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Yondan)		of 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Yondan)					
te of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (Nikyu) Date of 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Godan)		of 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Godan)					
Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Class (Ikkyu) Date of 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Rokudan)		of 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Rokudan)					
	Date of	Date of 7 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Shichidan)					
	Date of	Date of 8 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Hachidan)					
	Date of	of 9 <sup>th</sup> Degree (Kudan)					

Return Certificate to:		D	Dojo/Club Instructor		lDojo/Club Secretary			
Please charge my card:Vis		Visa	Master Card	Discover	Check or Money Order Enclosed			
Name as	it appears on card (	printed)						
Card NumberExpiration Date:								
Authorized Signature				Promotion Fe	Promotion Fee Enclosed: \$			
				USJ	A Membership Enclosed: \$			
Section	7		Aikido Establi	ished Standards				
(1)	(1) All students must meet certain minimum requirements to become eligible for promotion. They must then pass an exam and be recommended for promotion by their instructor. All kyu and dan rank must be approved by the USJA Aikido Chairman. All recommendations for promotions by any instructor or examiner must have USJA Aikido certification.							
(2)	(2) All recommendations for promotions must be submitted to the USJA National Office on the proper recommendation for promotion form for approval. Candidates for all kyu promotions must be examined and approved by an instructor who is one or more ranks higher and be ratified by the USJA National Office. All promotions are reviewed by the USJA National Office to insure that all minimum promotion requirements have been met and have been properly documented.							
(3)	(3) All promotions for shodan or nidan must be examined and recommended by their instructor or a USJA Dan one rank higher in grade, than the rank applying for, before being approved by the USJA National Office.							
(4)	(4) All promotions for sandan must be examined and recommended by a USJA Senior, National or Master Rank Examiner. This additional requirement ensures that the candidates have a thorough knowledge of all USJA rank system technical requirements.							
(5)	(5) All promotions for yondan must be examined and recommended by a USJA National or Master Rank Examiner and further approved by the National Promotion Board.							
(6)	6) All promotions for godan must be examined and recommended by a USJA Master Examiner and further approved by the National Promotion Board.							
(7)	All promotions for rokudan must be examined and recommended by two USJA Master Examiners and further approved by the National Board.							
(8)	All promotions to the rank of shichidan must be examined and recommended by three USJA Master Examiners, approved by the National Promotion Board and ratified by the USJA Board of Directors.							
(9)		Il promotions to the rank of hachidan and kudan must be examined and recommended by three USJA Master xaminers, approved by the National Promotion Board and ratified by the USJA Board of Directors.						

#### Section 8

#### **Aikido Additional Requirements**

- (1) A \$30.00 Non-refundable processing fee must accompany all promotion recommendations to yodan and higher. The remainder of the promotion fee must be remitted on notification of successfully passing to the rank applied for.
- (2) Minimum time as a USJA student and current membership in a USJA Chartered Club.
- (3) Minimum time in grade as a registered member of previous rank. If the candidate is a Life Member, that candidate must show continuous membership by sustaining their life membership with a \$25.00 donation every year since their last promotion.
- (4) A passport photograph of the candidate. The photograph may be in the form of an electronic file.
- (5) A synopsis of all Aikido related activities since the candidate's last promotion. The synopsis shall include but not be limited to the requirements listed in value of points and time in grade.
- (6) A completed rank examination with endorsement of Certified Rank Examiners must accompany application.
- (7) Instructor recommendation.
- (8) A completed and cleared background check, either through the USJA, USJI, or USJF if you are:
  - a. A Chair Person or member of a USJA Committee
  - b. A member of the USJA Board of Directors or a Corporate Officer
  - c. An applicant for USJA Instructor Certification both new and renewing
  - d. An applicant for USJA Yudansha promotion to any rank of 1st Dan or higher

Please note! All examiners (Life Members Included) must be a current or sustained member with the USJA and belong to a USJA Chartered Dojo/Club and have an appropriate examiner status to recommend promotions.

Please note! All paper work must reach the National Office forty-five (45) days prior to the next scheduled promotion board meeting.