

# Information and Instructions for Filling out the Candidate's Application Form

## Introduction

- You must submit an application form to participate in a Ranking Event at any level.
- Use the standardized form to supply all required information.
- Fill out and print this form.
- Submit the form, with any attachments, and the required application fee, to the Sponsor of the Ranking Event at least thirty days in advance of the Ranking Event.

## Section 1. Identification

Fill in all required information.

- Attach a recent photo on your application form.
- Attach a copy of your current ranking certificate.
- Be sure that you have fulfilled the required interval of time since your last rank.
- Your membership in the Association must be current in order to be ranked.
- Date: Month/Day/Year: this is the date you submit your application.

## Section 2. Guidelines for Practice Experience

You may write your Practice Experience on the application form or write it separately and attach it to the form. List dates and topics to present your Practice Experience (study, training, teaching experience), in resume format or in paragraph format. Provide names and locations of teachers, schools, seminars, private lessons. Include training in Yang Family Tai Chi Chuan at a Yang Chengfu Tai Chi Chuan Center, with Association-Certified Instructors and Affiliated Instructors, and with Yang Family members. You may also include other study of Tai Chi Chuan(Taijiquan); other martial arts; qigong or other styles of internal training; associated studies or research in healing arts or meditative arts and related areas. If you think it is relevant, you may include your professional experience and current profession.

## Section 3. Teacher's Appraisal

Your current teacher should fill in this section using the guidelines below. Candidates who do not have a current teacher may submit a reference from previous teachers or from other sources to attest to their adherence to the moral code of martial arts. This is particularly important for Levels 4 and above.

The teacher may write the Appraisal on the application form or write it separately and attach it to the form. If the teacher prefers, he or she may submit the appraisal by mail or electronically to the Ranking Event Sponsor.

Guidelines for the Teacher's Appraisal: this should cover several points specifically:

- 1) The extent to which the teacher is familiar with the

student's training and experience.

2) Pertinent comments: The teacher could include information such as whether the student is a teaching assistant or makes other kinds of helpful contributions and assistance to the Center or the Association, or about the student's progress or level of dedication, or anything else that is relevant.

3) The teacher supports the student's application for the level student wants to test for.

4) A statement that the student respects and adheres to the Association Members Conduct Code.

Signature: The teacher should sign this section of the application.

## Section 4. Test Results and Examining Committee

Reserved for Use by the Examining Committee.

- Rank Three Candidates only: circle Saber or Sword in Section 4 to indicate which you will use for the examination.

## Section 5. Evaluation Comments

Reserved for Use by the Association.

## Attachment: Special Conditions or Circumstances Affecting Participation in the Examination

If you have any condition or circumstance, temporary or permanent, that will affect your performance adversely, you should inform the Examining Committee in writing before you take the test. Information presented during or after the examination cannot be accepted or considered. Attach a statement to this application form explaining your situation.

Examples: arthritis in hand that prevents standard formation of a fist; memory problems due to illness; shoulder injury that affects free movement of the joint or ability to lift the arm; hip replacement affecting balance; visual deficiencies; spinal misalignment; shortness of breath; cognitive impairment.

Age consideration: Special adjustments may be made to performance scores of individuals above the age of sixty.

Prompting: Individuals above the age of seventy or anyone who has diminished cognitive abilities or specific memory challenges may request assistance in performing the sequence of the form. Prompting may be provided by a recorded voice calling the names of the movements or by a designated Forms Examiner Judge. This type of assistance is provided only to the individual(s) who have requested it in writing, in advance. Your teacher must validate your request.

Written Exam: If you have any problem with the written examination and require more than one hour (examples: language unfamiliarity, reading disability, need a translator), you may request this in writing, in advance.



## YANG FAMILY TAI CHI CHUAN RANKING CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION FORM

CERTIFICATE NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_

[For Officer Use Only]

### 1. IDENTIFICATION

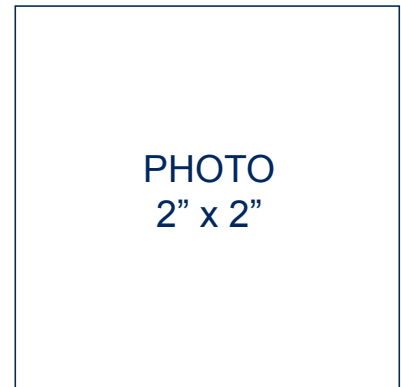
First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sex : M F \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: Month Day Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



Email \_\_\_\_\_ YCF Center or Affiliated School (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Applied For \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID \_\_\_\_\_ Are You Current Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Current Rank & Date Obtained \_\_\_\_\_ Current Ranking Certificate ID \_\_\_\_\_

Academy Students ID (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Credits \_\_\_\_\_ Date: Month Day Year \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

(Please tell us about your background in martial arts and your practice experience in Yang Family Tai Chi Chuan.)

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

**3. TEACHER'S APPRAISAL**

Teacher's Appraisal of student and student's moral character.

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. TEST RESULTS AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Presiding Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Form Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizing Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Push Hands Partnering Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge : \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

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|--------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Hand Form    |  | Sword Form        |  |
| Saber Form   |  | Total Skill Score |  |
| Theory Score |  | Push Hands        |  |

CHECK BOXES TO INDICATE RESULTS:

- 1. Test results
  - Sufficient score in Theory Test  Pass  No Pass
  - Sufficient score in practical test of routines  Yes  No
  - Sufficient skill in Push Hands  Yes  No
- 2. Moral code requirement attested  Yes  No
- 3. Summary: Recommendation of the Committee to award the candidate the rank applied for  Yes  No

Explanation if applicant does not pass.: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Other comments by the Examining Committee or the Presiding Judge

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Presiding Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Examination: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. EVALUATION COMMENTS (FOR ASSOCIATION USE ONLY)**

Judges and Ranking Department Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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