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Dear Region 9 Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the World Tang Soo Do Foundation Region 9 Scholarship Award. Enclosed you will find the application packet that you must complete and return in order to be evaluated by the selection committee. This application packet includes the following:

- Region 9 Scholarship General Requirements
- Region 9 Scholarship Candidate General Information
- Candidate Questions
- Instructor Recommendation Form
- Academic Recommendation Form
- Personal Recommendation Form
- Application Checklist

Make certain that you meet and include all the requirements on the checklist, as incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration.

The deadline for consideration is October 31 for the Fall cycle or February 28 for the Spring cycle. The completed packet must be received by this date for your application to be considered. Please be advised that if you are chosen to receive this honor, you may be required to attend a suitable public event for a ceremonial presentation.

Tang Soo!!!

Michael Porco Jr.  
Chair

Enc: General Requirements  
Candidate General Information  
Candidate Questions  
Instructor's Recommendation  
Academic Recommendation  
Personal Recommendation  
Checklist



**World Tang Soo Do Foundation  
Region 9 Scholarship**

**General Requirements**

1. All applicants must be currently enrolled in a certified World Tang Soo Do Association Region 9 studio.
2. All applicants must be current members, in good standing, of the World Tang Soo Do Association. All WTSDA membership dues must be current.
3. All applicants must have completed a minimum of one year of training at a World Tang Soo Do Association registered studio.
4. Students may only apply to the Region in which they have completed their most recent year of training.
5. The scholarship awards are open to full time students in their senior year of high school, full time students currently attending a college or university, and students pursuing an advanced degree (graduate or doctorate degree).
6. All applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
7. All applicants must submit their most recent **official** high school or college transcript, no photo copies please.
8. All applicants must submit written verification of their SAT or ACT Scores. Graduate students should submit their GRE or LSAT test results.
9. All applicants must submit 3 recommendation forms, one from each of the following areas:
  - a. Instructor's recommendation from their WTSDA instructor.
  - b. Academic recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or advisor.
  - c. Personal recommendation from a non-family member.

Please use the forms provided.

10. All applicants must submit a minimum 500 word essay entitled "How Tang Soo Do Has Made a Difference in My Life".
11. All applicants must submit a separate letter describing their educational goals.
12. All interested parties may request an application packet in writing from the Committee Chair or their studio head. The Chair may be reached at the following address:

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13. All completed applications must be received in a single packet by the designated deadline. Packets must be delivered to the same address as above and must contain written verification of enrollment from the educational institution.

Deadline: February 28 of each year

14. It is the applicant's responsibility to meet all application requirements. Incomplete applications will be ineligible for consideration.



**World Tang Soo Do Foundation  
Region 9 Scholarship Application  
Candidate General Information**

**Personal information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_  
(based on 4.0 Scale)  
SAT Scores Math \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT Scores Math \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* You must include your most recent **official** transcript from this school. Please provide official written verification of your SAT and/or ACT scores.

**Tang Soo Do History**

Dojang Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Your Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Your Years of Experience \_\_\_\_\_  
Association # \_\_\_\_\_

I certify by my signature that the above/attached information is true and correct.

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
If under 18 years old:  
Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Note: It is strongly recommended that you type your responses to ensure that the review committee can clearly read your answers.**



**World Tang Soo Do Foundation  
Region 9 Scholarship Application  
Candidate Questions**

On a separate piece of paper, please answer each of the questions below. Be sure to clearly indicate which question you are answering.

- 1) Please give a brief history of your Tang Soo Do training including the date and reason you began training in Tang Soo Do. If you have trained at more than one WTSDA studio, please provide details of your training at all previous studios.
- 2) Please describe your involvement with your studio. Include a discussion of your training schedule, your participation in studio sponsored events (demonstrations, tests, clinics, special classes, etc.), special assignments or projects given by your instructor.
- 3) Please describe your involvement with other studios in your Region. Include participation at tournaments and the role you served (competitor, time keeper, score keeper, judge, etc.), attending classes at other studios, participating in Gup tests at other studios, participation at Regional Dan tests or clinics, special assignments or projects given by the Regional Director.
- 4) Please describe your involvement with the WTSDA. Include your participation at World Championships, participation in events outside your Region, special assignments or projects given by WTSDA headquarters and/or the Grandmaster.
- 5) Please describe your involvement with your academic school. Include participation in Advanced Placement Classes or Honors Programs, student council, clubs, athletics, tutoring, fairs, plays or other activities. Include any special non-academic activities or projects you have been assigned by a teacher or administrator.
- 6) Please describe your involvement in activities outside your WTSDA studio or academic school. Include involvement with community groups, community athletics, charitable organizations, youth groups/clubs, etc.

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**World Tang Soo Do Foundation  
Region 9 Scholarship  
Instructor Recommendation**

Your student has requested to be considered for the Region 9 Scholarship Award. All applicants must submit a recommendation from their Instructor. Please answer the following questions and return it to your student for inclusion in the application packet. Place your recommendation in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name on the front of the envelope and your signature along the seal in the back.

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Dojang Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dojang Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student 's Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Student 's Gup/Dan # \_\_\_\_\_

How long has this student been enrolled in your WTSDA martial arts program?

Has this student actively trained at your studio during the previous year (average 2 classes per week)?

On a separate piece of paper please answer each of the questions below. Be sure to clearly indicate which question you are answering.

- 1) Please describe this student's participation in your studio's classes. Include a brief discussion of their attendance, motivation and willingness to help others.
- 2) Please describe this student's participation in your studio's activities outside of training in class. Include their involvement with teaching, demonstrations, Gup tests and special classes outside the studio.
- 3) Please describe this student's participation in WTSDA events outside your studio. Include their involvement with tournaments, clinics, Black Belt tests, Gup tests at other studios, and special assignments from the Regional Director, Headquarters or the Grandmaster.
- 4) Please describe this student's leadership qualities. If possible, please provide specific examples of their leadership.
- 5) Please make any additional comments you would like to offer the scholarship committee regarding this student's consideration for the Scholarship Award.

I certify by my signature that the above/attached information is true and correct.

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**World Tang Soo Do Foundation  
Region 9 Scholarship Award  
Academic Recommendation**

This student has requested to be considered for the World Tang Soo Do Foundation - Region 9 Scholarship Award. All applicants must submit an academic recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or academic advisor. Please answer the following questions and return it to the student for inclusion in their application packet. Place your recommendation in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name on the front of the envelope and your signature along the seal in the back.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your position in relationship to the student?

\_\_\_\_ Teacher      \_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor      \_\_\_\_ Academic Advisor

On a separate piece of paper please answer each of the questions below. Be sure to clearly indicate which question you are answering.

- 1) Please describe this student's academic performance at your school. Include a discussion of their involvement with Advanced Placement Classes or Honors Programs.
- 2) Please describe this student's involvement with activities at your school outside the classroom (special clubs, tutoring, student council, etc.).
- 3) Please describe this student's leadership qualities. If possible please provide specific examples of their leadership.
- 4) Please make any additional comments you would like to offer the scholarship committee regarding this student's consideration for the Scholarship Award.

I certify by signing below that the above/attached information is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**World Tang Soo Do Foundation  
Region 9 Scholarship Award  
Personal Recommendation**

This student has requested to be considered for the World Tang Soo Do Foundation - Region 9 Scholarship Award. All applicants must submit a personal recommendation from a non-family member. Please answer the following questions and return it to the student for inclusion in their application packet. Place your recommendation in a sealed envelope with the applicant's name on the front of the envelope and your signature along the seal in the back.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the student?

How long have you known this student?

On a separate piece of paper please answer each of the questions below. Be sure to clearly indicate which question you are answering.

- 1) What special qualities does this person possess?
- 2) How has knowing this person made a difference in your life?
- 3) Provide an example of an event that demonstrates the integrity of this person.
- 4) Please describe this person's leadership qualities. If possible please provide specific examples of their leadership.
- 5) Please make any additional comments you would like to offer the scholarship committee regarding this person's consideration for the Scholarship Award.

I certify by my signature that the above/attached information is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**World Tang Soo Do Foundation  
Region 9 Scholarship Award  
Application Checklist**

Please check off that you have met each of the requirements listed below and submit this check list with your application packet.

- I am currently enrolled in a certified World Tang Soo Do Association Region 9 studio.
- I am currently a member, in good standing, with the World Tang Soo Do Association.
- I have completed a minimum of one year training at my current World Tang Soo Do Association registered studio.
- I am either a full time student in my senior year of high school, a full time student currently attending a college or university, or a full time student currently pursuing an advanced degree.
- I have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- I have included my most recent **official** high school or college transcript.
- I have included written verification of my SAT or ACT scores.
- I have completed the General Information Form.
- I have completed the Candidates Questions.
- I have included a recommendation from each of the following:
  - Instructor's recommendation from my WTSDA instructor
  - Academic recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or advisor
  - Personal recommendation from a non-family member
- I have included a minimum 500 word essay entitled "How Tang Soo Do Has Made a Difference in My Life."
- I have included a separate letter describing my educational goals.
- I have included written verification of enrollment from the college/university I attend or will be attending.
- I have included my name on all papers submitted.

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