

Okinawa Karate Kobudo Kai 2026-2027 Scholarship Application

The mission of Okinawa Karate Kobudo Kai is to develop confident, respectful, and disciplined, individuals through traditional martial arts training. We believe that true martial arts extend beyond physical techniques by building character, integrity, perseverance, humility, leadership, and a commitment to excellence in every aspect of life. Our goal is to help every student become the best version of themselves—at home, in school, and in the community.

Overview

The Okinawa Karate Kobudo Kai Scholarship is awarded to two students who demonstrate strong character, academic responsibility, and a genuine desire to learn martial arts.

The scholarship provides **one (1) year of karate tuition**.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for all other expenses, including:

- Registration fee
- Uniform, shirt, and patch
- Required training equipment and supplies
- Belt testing fees
- In-house events such as “Kid’s Night Out”
- Any optional seminars, tournaments, or special events

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be between **8 and 17 years of age**
- Submit a completed scholarship application
- Write and submit the required essay
- Provide a copy of their most recent report card
- Submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, mentor, clergy member, or community leader
- If selected as a finalist, participate in a scholarship interview with the instructors
- Demonstrate good character, respect, and a willingness to work hard

Expectations

Students selected for the scholarship are expected to:

- Attend karate classes **at least three (3) times each week**
- Arrive on time and ready to train
- Give their best effort during every class
- Stay focused and demonstrate self-discipline
- Show respect to instructors, classmates, parents, teachers, and peers
- Maintain positive behavior at home and at school
- Continue to make satisfactory academic progress

- Represent Okinawa Karate Kobudo Kai with integrity and respect
- Read daily and practice at home when not in class

Failure to meet these expectations may result in the scholarship being reviewed or revoked.

Essay

Please submit a **300–500 word essay** answering the following question:

“Why do you want to study Traditional Okinawa Kenpo Karate and what does it take to achieve excellence?”

Your essay should include:

- Why you want to learn karate
- Your personal goals
- What excellence means to you
- How discipline, perseverance, respect, and hard work help someone succeed
- How you will apply these values at home, in school, and in your community

Timeline

Application Due: **September 14th, by 5:00 pm**

Finalist Selection: September 16th

Interviews: September 20th -September 26th

Scholarship Recipient Notification: September 30th

Start Date: October 12th

Submission

By Email: info@okinawankenpo.com, send the document as a word and/or PDF. No jpeg or png files.

By Mail: 1626 Dutch Broadway; Elmont, NY 11003

Drop Off: 1626 Dutch Broadway; Elmont, NY 11003; Monday-Friday 4:00 - 7:00pm

Interview

Finalists will be invited to participate in a personal interview with the scholarship committee.

During the interview, students should be prepared to discuss:

- Their essay
- Their academic performance
- Their personal goals

- Why they want to study karate
- Their willingness to commit to training three times each week
- How they demonstrate respect, responsibility, and perseverance in everyday life

Parents or guardians may also be asked to participate in a brief discussion regarding their commitment to supporting the student's success.

Required Document Checklist

- ☐ Completed Scholarship Application
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Most Recent Report Card
- ☐ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Parent/Guardian Contact Information
- ☐ Student Contact Information

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Home Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name:

Relationship to Student:

Phone Number:

Email:

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Phone:

Parent and Student Commitment

We understand that this scholarship is an opportunity earned through dedication and responsibility. If selected, we agree to:

- Attend classes at least three times each week.
- Train with focus, effort, and respect.
- Maintain good behavior at home, at school, and in the dojo.
- Communicate with instructors if attendance or other issues arise.
- Pay all required registration, uniform, equipment, and belt testing fees.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Student Signature:

_____ Date: _____

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Application Received: _____

Essay: ☐ Received

Report Card: ☐ Received

Recommendation Letter: ☐ Received

Interview Scheduled: _____

Interview Completed: _____

Scholarship Committee Recommendation:

☐ Approved

☐ Waitlisted

☐ Not Selected

Instructor Comments:

Committee Signatures:
