



Flying Tiger Kung-fu Association™
美國黑帝功夫學會

**APPLICATION FOR LINEAGE
APPRENTICESHIP**

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**A Message from Neil D. Pignatano (郝守本 Hao Shouben), 7th Generation
Gatekeeper:**

Admission into this pre-republic transmission is earned, not bought. We do not operate a commercial gym, and we are not selling a fast self-defense product. We are a non-profit, cost-recovery circle dedicated exclusively to preserving a rare fighting science. If you are seeking flashy tricks, shortcuts, or an addition to your competitive MMA skillset, this program is not for you. If you possess the profound patience and dedication required to build authentic skill from the ground up, please complete the vetting questions below to request a personal interview.

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PART 1: APPLICANT PROFILE

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Full Legal Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____

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PART 2: THE VETTING QUESTIONS

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(Please answer each question completely and honestly. Short or superficial answers will result in immediate denial of an interview.)

1. Defining "Kung-Fu"

In its original meaning, Kung-fu has nothing to do with violence. It means "achievement through time and dedicated practice"—the acquisition of a profound skill through relentless diligence over years of your life. What specific experiences in your professional, athletic, or personal life demonstrate your capacity for long-term perseverance, dedication, and patience?

Applicant Response:

2. The First-Year Physical Filter

Our curriculum enforces a strict rule: Your first 12 months will be spent entirely on Phase I: The 108 Long Form™. You will do nothing but physical training for the first year. You will not handle weapons, you will not spar, and you will not learn advanced internal concepts. You will stand, memorize exact physical postures, and face a repetitive, monotonous process to build muscle memory and a true physical root. How do you feel about dedicating a full year strictly to this level of repetitive, solo physical conditioning?

Applicant Response:

3. Core Alignment with "Wu De" (Martial Virtue)

We require all apprentices to uphold strict rules of conduct, starting with Humility (leaving all past titles, ranks, and ego at the door) and Respect (practicing cooperative cultivation with your partners rather than competitive dominance). Why are you seeking out this specific traditional line, and what makes you an ideal custodian to help preserve this history?

Applicant Response:

4. Background and Training History

Do you have any previous experience in martial arts, internal arts, or heavy physical conditioning? (Note: Previous experience is not required, as you must become completely empty to learn our frame correctly, but any history must be disclosed.)

Applicant Response:

5. Alignment with the Lineage Source

This academy does not teach the modernized, state-sponsored health standardizations that common public schools offer. We preserve a rare, un-diluted, pre-Republic fighting science characterized by a medium stance height, compact mechanics, and precise physical alignment. Why are you interested in learning this particular, traditional style of Tai Chi over more mainstream, widely available variants?

Applicant Response:

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SUBMISSION TERMS

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By submitting this questionnaire, I acknowledge that this form is an application for an interview only, and does not guarantee admission into the Association. I understand that the Lineage Gatekeeper retains the absolute legal right to deny any applicant at his sole discretion for the Flying Tiger Kung-fu Association™.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
(type name)

Save completed form and email to: admissions@flyingtigerkungfu.com

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