



**AMERICAN JU-JITSU ASSOCIATION  
YUDANSHA [Black Belt] CERTIFICATE  
APPLICATION FORM**



This application form is to be used only for certification of **Yudansha [Black Belt] Ranks** granted in AJA dojos. Be sure to include the appropriate fee[s]:

Shodan & Nidan.....\$15	EJJU* Certificate [Rokudan-Kudan only].....\$35
Sandan.....\$20	*EJJU is the European Jujitsu Union, not to be confused with the European <i>Ju-Jitsu</i> Union.
Yodan & Higher Grades.....\$25	Foreign Dojo - add postage.....\$5

The AJA Constitution & Bylaws requires that AJA certification be issued for Sankyu & above for national & international recognition.

Type in the text boxes or P-R-I-N-T ALL information neatly. Incomplete or sloppy applications will be returned.

Type of Certificate [check one]:  AJA Rank Promotion  EJJU Certification

Name on Certificate EXACTLY as it is to appear on the Yudansha Certificate:

\_\_\_\_\_ AJA# \_\_\_\_\_

Current Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Time in Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Style/Ryu: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of promotion: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & rank of promoting sensei: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dojo: \_\_\_\_\_

Dojo mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Country [if not U.S.]: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sensei: \_\_\_\_\_ Dojo Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sensei's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Sensei AJA#: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST ALSO INCLUDE** the applicant's current AJA certificate number: \_\_\_\_\_

If the applicant does **NOT** have a AJA current certificate of rank, you must submit a Rank Certificate Application Form AND pay the appropriate fee for each certificate of rank not secured for sankyu & up. [Example: If you are applying for a Shodan certificate & applicant doesn't have AJA certificates of rank for Sankyu, Nikyu & Ikkyu, then you must apply for certificates of rank for those ranks as well.]

If you are a **NEW** AJA dojo you will have a 60-day amnesty period from the issuance of your AJA Dojo Charter to secure AJA Certificates of Rank for all of your students Sankyu & up for free. The students **MUST** be paid AJA members and they must be on the Membership Register on file with the Membership Chairperson before you apply for AJA rank certificates [of their current rank] for them.

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**INSTRUCTORS:** To avoid delays make sure you already have an up-to-date Student Register on file with the Membership Director AND that the above applicant is on that register. ***ALL applications will be verified for current AJA membership!***

Send this completed form, along with required documentation and a check (payable to the “American Ju-Jitsu Association”) directly to the Certification Director:

Barry Stebbins, 3728 Cypress Creek Dr., Columbus, OH 43228; [certificates@aja-email.org](mailto:certificates@aja-email.org)

**DO NOT COMBINE THIS APPLICATION &/OR FEE WITH ANYTHING ELSE YOU MIGHT BE PAYING FOR. PLEASE MAKE A SEPARATE CHECK JUST FOR THIS APPLICATION!**

**INCOMPLETE OR POORLY FILLED OUT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED & 30-DAY PROCESS STARTS OVER!**

**REASON FOR NOT ISSUING CERTIFICATE:** (administrative use only)

No current individual membership on file.  Application incomplete [areas circled] or unreadable.

No current dojo membership on file  Other [explanation below]:

No prior AJA certificate[s] of rank issued

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**ALL PROMOTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW** [& approval or rejection] by the National Standards & Certification Board

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: [membership@aja-email.org](mailto:membership@aja-email.org)

CERTIFICATION DIRECTOR: [certificates@aja-email.org](mailto:certificates@aja-email.org)

NATIONAL STANDARDS & CERTIFICATION BOARD [NSCB] CHAIRMAN: [nscb@aja-email.org](mailto:nscb@aja-email.org)

*If you do not receive your Certificate of Promotion **within 30 days**, please contact the AJA President at [president@aja-email.org](mailto:president@aja-email.org).*