

Announcement of Recommendations for “The Greats in Taekwondo History”

In order to permanently commemorate and preserve the great achievements of people who have contributed to the promotion, development, and globalization of Taekwondo and the enhancement of its status worldwide, Taekwondo Promotion Foundation has announced its 2025 year of recommendations for "The Greats in Taekwondo History" as follows. We ask for your active participation in this program.

November 2024

Chairman of Taekwondo Promotion Foundation

1. Candidate eligibility requirements

- ① A deceased, exemplary Taekwondo practitioner who is respected by Taekwondo practitioners around the world and is highly evaluated in terms of their character and contribution to the development of Taekwondo.
- ② A deceased Taekwondo practitioner who has made outstanding contributions to the training, education, promotion, dissemination, technique development, and globalization of Taekwondo.

2. Areas of Recommendation

- ① Contribution to Taekwondo
- ② Special Contributors (Individual and/or entrepreneur, Administrators, Researchers)

3. Number of people to be selected: ○ persons

4. Recommendation right holders: candidates must be recommended by one of the following referrers

- ① Public institutions related to sports and foreign relations, overseas diplomatic offices (including foreign embassies in Korea)
- ② Kukkiwon, World Taekwondo, the 5 continental unions of World Taekwondo, Korea Taekwondo Association, Korea Para Taekwondo Association and/or the national Taekwondo Association located in each country (Please note, that with the exception of Korea Taekwondo Association, national Taekwondo Associations can recommend a candidate through the 5 continental unions of World Taekwondo)
- ③ Public media organizations, such as newspaper and/or broadcasting companies (includes Taekwondo-related magazines)

5. Documents for submission: One copy of each form (recommendation letter and accomplishment report),

accompanied by supporting documents (copies)

※ These forms can be downloaded by visiting: www.tpf.or.kr

6. Recommendation period: January 1, 2025 (Wed.) to April 30, 2025 (Wed.) /24:00 Korean time

※ Only applications that have been received within the stated period will be considered.)

7. How to Submit: Fill out the candidate recommendation form titled "The Greats in Taekwondo History," found in the Notice section of Taekwondo Promotion Foundation website (www.tpf.or.kr), and submit the completed form by registered mail.

8. Where to Submit: Contents & Promotion Department, Administration Center of Taekwondo Promotion Foundation (3rd floor)

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Attachments

1. Achievement Criteria by Candidate Category: 1 copy

2. Referrer and Number of Recommended Candidates per Referrer: 1 copy.

3. Recommendation Forms (Letter of Recommendation, Accomplishment Report, Self-confirmation of Qualifications as a Candidate, and Agreement to the Collection and Use of Personal Information): 1 copy each

【Attachment 1】

Achievement Criteria by Candidate Category

Category		Achievement Criteria
Contribution to Taekwondo		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Taekwondo practitioner from a World Taekwondo (WT) member country who has contributed to the spread, education, promotion, technique development, and globalization of Taekwondo for more than 30 years ※ Practice period : calculated from the date the candidate received his/her official first dan(poom) in Taekwondo from Kukkiwon ○ An exemplary person who has worked in the field of Taekwondo and demonstrated a strong moral character (or a sense of duty) ○ A person who is highly regarded by domestic and foreign Taekwondo practitioners and other members of society
Special Contributors	Individual and/or entrepreneur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individuals that have donated more than KRW 5 billion to Taekwondowon or Taekwondo organizations for the development of Taekwondo ○ Individuals that have contributed greatly to the development of Taekwondo through Taekwondo-related industries
	Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anyone who has worked for more than 30 years at Taekwondo Promotion Foundation, Kukkiwon, World Taekwondo, The 5 continental unions of World Taekwondo, the National Taekwondo Association, Korea Para Taekwondo Association, or an affiliated organization, retired at the President or Chairman level, and is objectively recognized for his/her contribution to the development of Taekwondo.
	Researchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anyone who has worked in Taekwondo-related academia for more than 30 years and has either published more than 20 papers in prominent academic journals or wrote more than ten books related to Taekwondo. ※ International academic journals (AHCI, SSCI, SCI, SCI-E)

※ All periods of Taekwondo-related activities are aggregated when considering the achievement criteria of each candidate.

Referrer and Number of Recommended Candidates per Referrer

Organization Category	Name of Organization	Number of Recommended Candidates	Remarks
Sports-related public institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Korea Sports Promotion Foundation - Korean Sport & Olympic Committee - Korean Paralympic Committee - Taekwondo Promotion Foundation 	Up to 3 people per organization	
Foreign relation-related public organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overseas Koreans Foundation - Korea Foundation - Korea International Cooperation Agency 	Up to 3 people per organization	
Diplomatic offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overseas diplomatic offices - Foreign embassies in Korea 	Up to 3 people per diplomatic office	
Taekwondo organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kukkiwon - World Taekwondo - The 5 continental unions of the World Taekwondo - Korea Taekwondo Association - Korea Para Taekwondo Association 	Up to 5 people per organization	Each of the 5 continental unions of the World Taekwondo Federation can recommend 5 extra people in addition to the recommendations made by the country's National Taekwondo Association
Taekwondo organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Taekwondo associations located in each country 	Up to 2 people per association	Recommendations made through the 5 continental unions of the World Taekwondo Federation
Public media organizations, such as newspaper and broadcasting companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Korea Sports Press Union - Taekwondo Magazine Journalist Association 	Up to 3 people per organization	

Letter of Recommendation

Category		<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Taekwondo <input type="checkbox"/> Special Contributors		Photo
Special Contributors * Insert a check mark only for an applicant for the Special Contributors field.		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual and/or entrepreneur <input type="checkbox"/> Administrators <input type="checkbox"/> Researchers		
Referrer	Name	Korean alphabet: Chinese characters: English alphabet:		
	Country (Nationality)			
	Date of birth	YYYY/MM/DD		
	Date of death	YYYY/MM/DD		
	History	Date of official first-degree black belt in taekwondo from Kukkiwon	YYYY/MM/DD (Year)	
Training (research) period		YYYY/MM/DD – YYYY/MM/DD (Period: years)		
I (we) recommend the candidate above in accordance with Article 6 (2) of the Operation Regulations for the Selection of "The Greats in Taekwondo History."				
Attachments				
1. Accomplishment Report: 1 copy				
2. Self-confirmation of Qualifications as a Candidate: 1 copy				
3. Agreement to the Collection and Use of Personal Information:1 copy				
4. Proof of qualifications and achievements				
2025. MM. DD				
Referring Organization:				
Telephone:				
Head of Organization: (signature)				
To: Chairman of Taekwondo Promotion Foundation				

Accomplishment Report

Category		<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Taekwondo <input type="checkbox"/> Special Contributors	
Special Contributors * Insert a check mark only for an applicant for the Special Contributors field.		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual and/or entrepreneur <input type="checkbox"/> Administrators <input type="checkbox"/> Researchers	
Name		Korean alphabet: Chinese characters: English alphabet:	
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Date of birth		YYYY/MM/DD	
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	Training (research) period	YYYY/MM/DD – YYYY/MM/DD (Period: years)	
Summary of candidate's accomplishment (in 100 words or less) ----- ----- ----- ----- -----			
Reporter			
Organization		Position	
Telephone		Name	(Signature or seal)
The reporter hereby confirms that the above information is correct and accurate.			
Name of Recommender:		2025. MM. DD	
		(Signature)	

Major Educational Background and Experience			
Year Month Day	Education/Experience	Year Month Day	Education/Experience
Records of Past Awards (medals, insignias, and/or citations)			
Summary of Accomplishment			
<div>→ Please continue in Accomplishment Report (Part B) if needed.</div>			

Accomplishment Report (B)

Summary of Accomplishment

Self-confirmation of Qualifications as a Candidate

☐ Candidate information

- Name:
- Date of birth:

In accordance with Article 5 of the Operation Regulations for the Selection of "The Greats in Taekwondo History" (regarding candidate qualifications and achievement criteria), the recommender hereby agrees to abide by the provisions outlined in Article 9 (regarding the disclosure of final candidates and the filing of objections). Furthermore, the recommender hereby agrees that if any information in the achievement records submitted as part of the application form is found to be false, or if the candidate is found to have damaged the honor of Taekwondo, the recommender will not object to the withdrawal or cancellation of his or her candidacy or selection.

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(Recommender)

Affiliation	position	Name	(Signature)
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