

Nikko Dojo DoGi Scholarship Program

We realize the tough economic times, and that not all families can afford the cost of purchasing a martial art uniform (dogi/gi) for their student. While the wearing of a uniform/gi is not a requirement for participating in class, it will help the student to feel more a part of the group since the majority of students will be in uniforms.

Through a generous donation by a YMCA member, we have a limited number of uniforms (gi) available for students to use when they are not able to afford one on their own.

Students are eligible to participate in the scholarship program with the following conditions:

- The student has regularly attended classes for at least two (2) sessions/months
- Participants agree to perform a minimum of two (2) hours cumulative community service to the dojo and/or YMCA
- The understanding that the dogi remains the property of Nikko Dojo and the Olympia Downtown YMCA
- When the student promotes to their first colored belt, they will return their white belt that was issued with the gi so that it can be reused
- It is the responsibility of the student to care for and maintain their gi
 - Students/Parents are responsible for replacing the gi if it is:
 - Lost
 - Becomes damaged due to misuse (torn, ripped, stained, etc.), beyond normal wear and tear
- Gi's should be washed regularly in cold water and hung to dry
 - Do not wash with chlorine bleach.
 - If the uniform becomes stained or "dingy", we suggest washing with a non-bleach brightener such as "Oxi-clean" or "Clorox 2," etc.
- Students agree to return the gi if/when:
 - They no longer regularly attend classes
 - They outgrow the uniform
 - If the student purchases their own gi

To apply for participation in the Dogi Scholarship Program, the student needs to submit a minimum one (1) paragraph essay explaining:

- Why they want/need a gi
- How the studying of jujutsu has affected their lives and
- What they plan to do for their community service

The essay will be reviewed by Westfall Sensei or his designee. We will do our best to provide a gi to all students that apply, but we do have a limited quantity gi's of various sizes (size 0 thru 3). If an appropriate gi is not currently available,

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the request will be “queued” for the next available uniform in the correct size.
Gi's will be issued on a “first come, first served” basis.



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Examples of community service tasks:

- Arriving to class early and help setting up mats
- Arriving to class early and assist Sensei in cleaning the mats
- Arriving to class early and setting up chairs for our guests
- Putting away chairs after class
- Picking up trash/litter around the dojo and YMCA facility
- Picking up trash/litter in and around your neighborhood (coordinate with Sensei and your parents)

