

# ISSHIN-RYU HALL OF FAME

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## NOMINATION FORM

**PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM!**

This **FORM** must be used for all nominations. **Complete** the top section of the nomination form. **Circle** the appropriate category. **MOST IMPORTANT!** Give as much information as possible to support your reasons for nominating this individual for this award. **Additional sheets may be attached to the form as needed.** A **separate form** must be used to nominate a person for more than one award. **Nominations must be received at the above address by April 1.** Nominations received without this form or after the deadline will not receive consideration by the Board. **THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED.**

**PLEASE TYPE "Reasons For Nomination"!**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years Training In Isshin-Ryu: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Years Training In Martial Arts: \_\_\_\_\_

Dojo Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Telephone of Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

### Category: (Must Be Circled)

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| 1. YOUNG FEMALE KARATE-KA OF THE YEAR (12 & Under) | 8. MALE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR                                  |
| 3. YOUNG MALE KARATE-KA OF THE YEAR (12 & Under)   | 9. COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR                                       |
| 4. YOUNG FEMALE KARATE-KA OF THE YEAR (13 To 17)   | 10. ISSHIN-RYU SENSEI OF SENSEI (6 <sup>th</sup> Dan or Higher) |
| 5. YOUNG MALE KARATE-KA OF THE YEAR (13 To 17)     | 11. DOJO OF THE YEAR  |
| 9. FEMALE KARATE-KA OF THE YEAR                    | 12. OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION *                                  |
| 6. MALE KARATE-KA OF THE YEAR                      | 13. SPIRIT OF ISSHIN-RYU  |
| 7. FEMALE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR                   | 14. INDUCTION INTO THE IHOF                                     |

\* (Note: "Outstanding Contribution" may be made for a non-practitioner.)

**Reasons For Nomination:** (This Must Be Included For Nomination To Be Considered! **Information must include:**

*Nominee's Background, Martial Arts History, Achievements, and Contributions to the Art.*)

**\*\*\*PLEASE ATTACH "Reasons For Nomination" TO THIS FORM \*\*\***

**Special Note:** Isshin-Ryu Hall of Fame Board members may only be nominated for category 10 or 14.

# Award Guidelines

## **Young Female Karate-ka** [All age groups]

## **Young Male Karate-ka** [All age groups]

### Definition:

The individual should demonstrate outstanding dedication to his/her dojo, and the art of Isshin-Ryu Karate. He/she sets an example for other students, assists their sensei whenever called upon, and contributes to the community in some way beyond their attendance at the dojo.

### Qualifications:

- 1) Should be a member of a dojo for at least 2 years.

## **Male/Female Karate-ka of the Year**

### Definition:

This nominee should demonstrate outstanding dedication to his/her dojo, and the art of Isshin-Ryu Karate. He/she sets an example for other students, assists their sensei whenever the opportunity presents itself, and contributes to the community in some way beyond their attendance at the dojo. The nominee should understand the qualities of honor, loyalty, and fortitude, and be examples of these qualities to their peers and others outside of their dojo.

### Qualifications:

- 1) Should be a member of the dojo for at least 2 years.

## **Male/Female Instructor of the Year**

### Definition:

The nominee should be an outstanding example of “one who has gone before”. A leader within and outside of his/her dojo; a living example of the qualities of honor, loyalty, and fortitude. The nominee should be a seeker of knowledge as well as an advocate of the knowledge he/she has gained in the martial arts. He/she should be an experienced sensei.

### Qualifications:

- 1) Sandan or higher.
- 2) Has been an instructor for at least 5 years.

## **Competitor of the Year**

### Definition:

The individual portrays humbleness in victory, and graciousness in defeat. Although fiercely competitive, they set an example for other karate-ka inside and outside the ring by demonstrating the virtues of a true warrior. They are courteous to both ring officials and their competitors.

### Qualifications:

- 1) Has competed in both Open and Isshin Ryu-only tournaments throughout the year;
- 2) Has competed in at least 6 tournaments during the year;
- 3) Has traveled outside of his/her home state to compete.

## **Sensei of Sensei**

### Definition:

The individual has been actively instructing blackbelt students for many years. He/she is an innovator, constantly working to improve their teaching methods. They teach their students how to be a sensei, through hands-on experience as well as by setting an example. Although Isshin-Ryu is their foundation, they have delved into other martial arts in their search for knowledge. They display the character, honor, and courage that other people aspire to. Their influence extends beyond the realm of their dojo and into the community. They are well respected by people outside of their own dojo organization, by non-martial artists as well as those within the martial arts community.

### Qualifications:

- 1) Must be roku-dan or higher;
- 2) Must have at least 2 generations of students.

## **Dojo of the Year**

### Definition:

This award is for a group of Isshin-Ryu practitioners who have worked as a team to promote Isshin-Ryu in their community. They exemplify the family atmosphere that Isshin-Ryu promotes. It is obvious to all that they work together as a unit, selflessly supporting each other. This dojo pulls together to help each other, and demonstrates how commitment to each other can make a dojo strong.

### **Outstanding Contribution**

Definition:

This nominee may or may not be a martial artist. This person has put forth a tremendous effort to promote Isshin-Ryu karate by their participation in a dojo or organization, either as a student or as friend to Isshin-Ryu.

### **Spirit of Isshin-Ryu**

Definition:

This person is literally an ambassador of Isshin-Ryu. He/she has traveled throughout the United States to promote the art of Isshin-Ryu Karate, freely sharing their knowledge with non-Isshin-Ryu practitioners as well as Isshin-Ryu karate-ka. They have worked to increase their personal knowledge of our art. They are living examples of honor, loyalty, and courage, and have not sacrificed their integrity for the sake of notoriety. This nominee has risen to the occasion, serving in leadership capacities for his/her sensei or organization.

### **Humanitarian Award**

Definition:

This person has promoted Isshin-Ryu through service to his/her fellow man.

### **Lifetime Achievement**

Definition:

This person has been involved in the art of Isshin-Ryu for many years, as both an instructor and competitor. He/she has influenced many people into becoming students of Isshin-Ryu, and has shown students what is possible through the study of Isshin-Ryu. Their tenacity and perseverance for so many years is a shining example of their love for our art.

Qualifications:

- 1) Have over 30 years of uninterrupted participation in Isshin-Ryu;
- 2) Is, or has been at one time, the sensei of their own dojo.

### **Induction into the Hall of Fame**

Definition:

This individual has become well known as an ambassador of Isshin-Ryu beyond their own dojo and Isshin-Ryu organization. They are well respected by non-martial artists as well as those within the martial arts community. They are non-political in promoting the unity of Isshin-Ryu Karate, holding the cause of Isshin-Ryu Karate above personal gain. They do not attempt to elevate themselves in the eyes of their students or peers by disparaging others.

This person is one who has stepped forward and assumed the responsibilities of being in a leadership role when called upon. This individual demonstrates a high degree of personal integrity, dignity, and honor. Their demeanor and character will be a legacy to all members of the Isshin-Ryu family.

Qualifications:

- 1) Uninterrupted involvement in Isshin-Ryu Karate for at least 20 years;
- 2) Roku-Dan or higher;
- 1) Is, or has been at one time, the sensei of their own dojo.
- 2) Has traveled to promote Isshin-Ryu Karate;