



Woo Kim Taekwondo Institute Black Belt

Becoming a Role Model

Achieving the black belt status is a big moment for you as it represents the culmination of years of effort and dedication to the craft of Taekwondo. Even those who are not in Taekwondo understand the prestige and honour of attaining a black belt. Within our Taekwondo community, this level of achievement not only signifies an important milestone, it is the start of a transition from a student to a leader. Your black belt changes people's perception of you. This is where the attainment of the black belt is not an end, but the beginning of another chapter for you to become a role model in your community.

Your black belt serves as a reminder to your fellow students, that through hard work and effort, great things can be achieved. Your black belt serves as an inspiration for others to seek the levels that you have obtained. But a black belt is only an object and it is the person who wears it that will be the true focus. Through your actions, you will demonstrate what it means to be a part of Taekwondo. Through proper conduct and etiquette, you will show the real value of a black belt. By treating people with respect, setting a proper example, remaining positive and optimistic, doing your best at all times, helping others achieve more, being confident and calm while displaying modesty, and upholding the tenets of Taekwondo (courtesy, integrity, self-control, perseverance, indomitable spirit), you will give a full picture of what it means to be a black belt. Your efforts as a role model will earn you respect from your fellow classmates and guide you to the ideals of what it means to be a Master in Taekwondo.

Do not think that achieving a black belt means you have reached the peak of this martial art. You must accept the challenge of being a role model and allow you black belt to become something even bigger. Ask yourself, while remembering the Taekwondo Membership Oath, what can I do to be a positive role model in my community?

Taekwondo Membership Oath

1. I shall observe the tenets of Taekwondo
2. I shall respect instructors and seniors
3. I shall never misuse Taekwondo
4. I shall help build a more peaceful world
5. I shall be a champion of freedom and justice