

Benefits of an AAKF Membership

There are many benefits that come being an [AAKF](#) membership:

- **Education:** Supports the national organization which continues Sensei Nishiyama's vision, provides education and support to sensei's and clubs around the country, and advances the principles of traditional karate.
- **Testing:** Required for testing for [kyu](#) ranks and [dan exams](#), and your rank is recognized world-wide.
- **Affiliations** – You are a part of the [World Traditional Karate-do Federation](#) (WTKF) that has a global reach in providing seminars and world level competition
- **Competition:** As a qualified regional competitor, you have the opportunity to compete at the annual AAKF National Championship and may be selected to represent the United States at the World Championships and/or Pan-American games.
- **Competition Judging** – As a black belt, you can test and become a [qualified judge](#) for local tournaments, Nationals, and/or World Championships. Your judging rank is recognized world-wide.
- **Certification** – As a black belt, you can test and qualify as a [judge, rank examiner, or as a coach](#).
- **Relationship building** – Develop lifetime relationships with local, national and global karatekas
- **Travel** – As a competitor or judge, you have the opportunity to travel around the US and worldwide to compete, judge and develop relationships
- **Tax Deductible:** Membership dues are tax-deductible because the AAKF is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Your annual individual AAKF membership expires on *March 1*. If you renew your current membership before that date, the cost is only \$25. After that, AAKF membership renewal is \$35.

Please contact your sensei or club's administrator for the [application form](#) and who to make the check out to. They will send your application and payment to the AAKF national office for you