



SHUSWAP DOJO

(CEDAR HEIGHTS SOCIAL CENTRE)

KEITH HARGITT SHIHAN
MEMORIAL AWARD

STUDENT
OF THE YEAR

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Shuswap Dojo Keith Hargitt Shihan Memorial Award for Student of the Year was established in 2024.

The Award is presented annually to one student who demonstrates outstanding martial arts qualities and whose commitment, dedication, ongoing personal development and leadership skills act as an inspiration to the other members of our Dojo. This award is based on one calendar year.

2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the award, a student must:

- Be 10th Kyu to 1st Kyu (i.e. Black Belts are not eligible).
- Attend both sessions during the calendar year.
- Maintain a minimum class attendance of 75% for each of the sessions.
- Have all Dojo student fees and invoices paid in full.
- Abide by the Code of Ethics and Conduct and Dojo Kun (see website [Documentation page](#)).

3 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection is made during the end of year (end November or early December) Black Belt meeting chaired by the Chief Instructor. During the meeting:

- Each Black Belt can nominate one student (Black Belts unable to attend the meeting can submit their nomination to the Chief Instructor prior to the meeting).
- The student with the most nominations is selected to receive the award. In case of a tie which cannot be resolved, the Chief Instructor (or senior Black Belt in his absence) will break the tie.

4 PRESENTATION.

The award is presented in December each year during the end of year event. The recipient receives a trophy which he/she may keep at home for one year. The name of the winner is engraved on the trophy prior to its presentation.

5 CONCLUSION

To recognize the recipients, their names and photographs are displayed on the Keith Hargitt Shihan Award for Student of the Year Hall of Fame page on the Dojo website. A photograph of the latest recipient is also displayed at the Dojo.

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