



SHUSWAP DOJO

(CEDAR HEIGHTS SOCIAL CENTRE)

KEITH HARGITT SHIHAN

MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Shuswap Dojo Keith Hargitt Shihan Memorial Scholarship was established in 2024 at the request of the late Keith Hargitt Shihan. Keith Shihan passed away at Fort St. John Hospital on 8 January 2024. A total of up to \$1,000. (up to two scholarships of \$500. each) are awarded per calendar year.

2 KEITH HARGITT SHIHAN

Keith Shihan was a master technician when it came to Shorei-Kan Karate. He started training at Delview school Dojo late 1979 under the direction of Koyabu Shihan and as a Green Belt in 1983, he travelled to Japan/Okinawa for the first time for a demonstration. He was able to travel to Okinawa and Tokyo a few more times for tournaments and examinations. He attained the rank of Shihan Godan in Japan in 2000 and became the Technical Advisor for Shorei-Kan Canada.

Keith Shihan was instrumental in the running of the Surrey Shorei-Kan Dojo for many years and when he moved from Vancouver to Princeton, he opened a dojo in his new hometown of Princeton. He later moved to Fort St. John but due to poor health, was unable to open a dojo nor practice Shorei-Kan Karate.

3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to submit a scholarship application, a student must:

- Be an active and continuous member of the Shuswap Dojo for a minimum of 2 years (4 sessions) prior to submitting an application.
- Maintain or exceed a minimum 75% attendance rate for each of the sessions.
- Be in your last year of high school.
- Be between 16 and 19 years old.
- Be accepted for a post-secondary program at an accredited school such as college, university, vocational or technical institute.
- All Dojo student fees are paid in full.
- Abide by the Code of Ethics and Conduct and Dojo Kun (see website [Documentation page](#)).

4 APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted to the Chief Instructor in a one-page letter format no later than 1 May. The letter must include:

- a) Name, age, home address, e-mail address and phone number.
- b) Current school attending and grades.

- c) Confirmation of acceptance in a post-secondary program (attach acceptance documentation).
- d) Volunteer/extracurricular activities in the community.
- e) Employment experience.
- f) Any additional pertinent information.

A student may submit only one application during their tenure at the Dojo.

5 **SELECTION PROCESS**

All applications are reviewed during the May Black Belt Meeting chaired by the Chief Instructor. The applications are ranked in order of merit taking into account factors such as number of years as a member of the Dojo, involvement in the operation of the Dojo, leadership skills, academic grades, volunteer experience, community activities and employment experience.

6 **DECISION**

The applicants are informed of the disposition of their applications by 1 June. Successful applicants are required to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Hargitt, the spouse of Keith Hargitt Shihan.

7 **CONCLUSION**

To recognize the recipients, their names and photographs are displayed on the Memorial Scholarship Hall of Fame page of the Dojo website.

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