# Lee Brothers Martial Arts, Inc.



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Congratulations on achieving the rank of 2nd Degree Black Belt! You are now part of a small and elite group of people who have committed to achieving Black Belt excellence.

Let's discuss what it takes to become a 3rd Degree Black Belt. At Lee Brothers Tae Kwon Do, we take pride in ourselves for promoting only the best of the best to become Black Belts.

“*Black Belt is a journey, not a destination.”*

**PRETESTS**

Please note the following:

1. You must train a minimum of 2 years at the 2nd Degree level to be eligible for the final 3rd Degree Black Belt exam.
2. You must undergo and complete 5 pretests before you are eligible to apply for a black belt.
3. There is a fee for pretests. Pretests are $40.
4. Once you have completed all 5 of your pretests, you become eligible for the final Black Belt Exam.
5. Please note that we hold Black Belt exams ONLY two times each year.
6. Please seek a senior rank to be your mentor/coach in your pursuit of the Black Belt. They can assist you with requirements and understanding your qualifications. Having a mentor is the best way to learn and understand your requirements for your pretests and final test.

**TESTING FOR 3rd DEGREE BLACK BELT**

* 1. You must first complete all your pretests.
	2. You must turn in the “Registration for Assessment” form 4 full calendar months *before* the final exam date. Please check for the registration deadline. ALL DEADLINES ARE ABSOLUTE.
	3. Upon successful completion of the “Assessment”, You will be invited to 3 “Mandatory Practice” sessions and then to the final Black Belt Exam. Your final BLACK BELT EXAM will be divided into three parts.

I. Black Belt Final Part 1 will cover a portion of your final exam such as Hoshinsool & Breaking, etc.

II. Black Belt Final Part 2 will consist of your final dress rehearsal and then several hours of physical endurance and an attitude checkup training session hosted by senior Black Belts and instructors. You will undergo rigorous strength and endurance tests including sparring matches and a 3-mile run that must be completed in 30 minutes. Black Belt Challenge 2 is NOT open to the public.

III. Black Belt Final Part 3 is your showcase performance, where you will be tested on forms, self-defense, hoshinsool, and breaking. We encourage you to invite all your family and friends to witness this part of your test.

* 1. For high school age and under – You must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher to apply for Black Belt at Lee Brothers. NO EXCEPTIONS.
	2. You must meet all the attendance requirements, leadership assistance requirements, event assistance requirements, etc. Please be sure to keep track of your attendance card and be responsible for marking all your participation in all Lee Brothers TKD events.
	3. You must write an essay to be read out loud at the test. It must be a minimum of 1000 words (or 2 pages-- whichever is greater) and typed. Your topic is, “Humility, Honor & Loyalty”. This essay should describe the importance of Humility, Honor, and Loyalty of a Tae Kwon Do Black Belt to the Master, the Academy, the art of Tae Kwon Do, and to his/her fellow martial artist. The 1000 words should be on the topic itself-- thank you paragraphs do not count toward the 1000 words.
	4. If you fail one or multiple portions of your Belt Exam you will be allowed to retest at a later date. You must complete all your requirements before you are allowed to graduate and become a 3rd Degree Black Belt.
	5. The Candle Lighting Ceremony and Black Belt Graduation Ceremony is usually held on a Monday evening about 2 months after your final exam. This time is necessary to get your belt ordered and embroidered. Also, students applying for a certificate from Kukkiwon (World TKD Headquarters) need a couple of months for the approval process.
	6. The 3rd Dahn Black Belt Exam costs currently $800 (subject to change).