



What is Kicks for Kids?

The mission of Team Chip Tae Kwon Do Centers is to empower people through the pursuit of martial arts excellence. This includes not just physical empowerment, but mental empowerment, too. So while Team Chip students learn self-defense and other martial arts skills, they also learn courtesy, integrity, self-control, perseverance, and other life skills. Team Chip seeks to build not just great athletes, but great people. Unfortunately, empowerment through martial arts is sometimes out-of-reach for those who need it most. To remedy this, Team Chip established Kicks for Kids, a non-profit organization that provides underprivileged children access to martial arts. We hope that by training these children in martial arts, that they will learn skills to be leaders at home, at school, and in the community. Many of the requirements of the Kicks for Kids program are designed to help your child reach his or her full potential.

As part of Kicks for Kids, your family may be matched with a Team Chip Mentor. This mentor will build a relationship with your child. The mentor can answer questions about Team Chip, keep you informed about events, and provide transportation to Team Chip classes.

What will Kicks for Kids do for my child?

Kicks for Kids will provide your child with their first white uniform, monthly tuition to Team Chip Tae Kwon Do Centers, and up to three testings per year. When funding is available, Kicks for Kids may also be able to provide your child with other optional items, like private lessons or sparring gear. If funding is not available, parents/guardians may pay for these optional services.

What do I need to do?

First, you need to complete this application. This application helps us understand your child better and determines if your child qualifies for the program. There are not right or wrong answers, so just fill it out to the best of your ability. When you return your application, we will schedule an in-home interview to get to know you and your child better. Once your child is accepted to the program, there are requirements to continue enrollment and to progress in their martial arts training. These are:

1. Either you or your child must write a thank you note addressed to Kicks for Kids.
2. Child must attend classes an average of two to three classes per week.
3. Child must test for a higher belt at least three times the first year and twice a year thereafter.
4. Child must assist with at least one fundraising event per year.
5. Child must provide a copy of their report card to Kicks for Kids every six weeks.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Kicks for Kids

How do I wash this uniform?

Wash white uniforms in hot or warm water. Adding a little dish washer detergent will help keep the uniform white. Do not bleach. Dry on normal. Depending on how much your child sweats, wash after every 2nd or 3rd class. Hanging up the uniform immediately after class and allowing it to dry reduces odor between washings.

Wash blue uniforms in cold or warm water and normal dry.

DO NOT WASH THE BELT.

Do we need anything else beside a uniform?

Your child will also need an undershirt to wear under their uniform. The undershirt is mandatory for girls. Girls may also need a sports bra. As your child progresses, they will need sparring gear. Depending on funding, Kicks for Kids may be able to provide some gear for your child.

What are testings? Why does my child need a chore list?

If your child comes to class regularly and practices his or her forms and one-steps at home, he or she will likely be eligible to test for a higher belt every two to four months. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend testings so they can see how hard their child has been working. Children are required to bring a list of their chores to testing. The child must write or type the list themselves—parents cannot write or type it for them. The list should have as many items as the child is old. So, if your child is 9, he or she should have 9 chores. If your child does not currently do as many chores as dictated by his or her age, now is a good time to add some new chores to the list!

My child got in trouble at school and has been disrespectful at home. Should I ground him from Team Chip?

Absolutely not! Tae Kwon Do teaches pro-social behaviors. Students are required to respond respectfully and show courtesy every day in class. Tae Kwon Do also teaches students to control themselves both physically and emotionally. It is important to us that your child demonstrates these behaviors at home, in school, and in the community. As such, if you tell us your child has been misbehaving, we will address it. Often times a “man-to-man” or “woman-to-woman” talk will help improve behavior. Students may also lose their belt or not be permitted to test until their behavior improves. As stated previously, our goal is to develop great leaders, not just great martial artists.

Who is my child’s mentor? Who do I talk to if I have questions?

Your child’s mentor and phone number are below. If you have questions, you can ask your mentor or the Kicks for Kids director. Sometimes kids are admitted to the program before they have a mentor. In that case, you may contact the Kicks for Kids Director, Lisa Merchant, at 325-665-7480.

Also, every month a Kicks for Kids staff member will contact you and your child. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, provide feedback, and let us know how your child is doing.

Mentor Name and Contact Number

When will my child go to class?

A class schedule should be attached to this packet. If a mentor will be transporting your child, you will decide together when your child will attend class.

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

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Demographic and Contact Information

Child's Name: _____ Gender: _____ Race: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

How did you hear about Kicks for Kids? _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Alternate Contact Person—Name: _____ Address w/ Zip: _____

Contact Number: _____ Type: Home / Cell / Work Their Relationship to Child: _____

School Information

Child's School & ISD: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Child's School ID # _____

Is your child having any school related problems? If so, please describe: _____

Home Information

Child's Living Situation: One-parent home Two-parent home Other: _____

Yearly Household Income \$ _____ How many people live in your home? _____

Please mark which of the following any household member receives: Medicaid/Medicare CHIP

SNAP/Food Stamps WIC TANF SSI/SSDI Unemployment HUD or Housing Assistance

Is your child having any problems at home? If so, please describe: _____

Is there anything else we should know about your child's home life? _____

Child Information

What concerns, if any, do you have about your child? _____

What are your child's strengths? _____

What do you hope your child will gain from martial arts? _____

Mentor Preferences*

Is there a particular person you would to mentor your child? Yes No

If YES, what is this person’s name: _____

If NO, do you have any preferences on mentor characteristics such as gender, ethnicity, marital status, or faith? If so, please specify: _____

*Although efforts will be made to find a mentor meeting your preferences, we can guarantee your preferences will be met or that your child will be mentored by the person specified.

Renewal Information

Have you noticed changes in your child since starting Tae Kwon Do? Yes No If YES, please describe _____

Do you have any concerns about the Kicks for Kids program? Yes No If YES, please describe _____

I understand that by signing this form I am giving permission for my child, named above, to participate in the program and activities of Kicks for Kids (“K4K”). I understand that K4K will pay for my child’s monthly tuition at Team Chip Tae Kwon Do Centers (“TCTKD”) and other benefits as funds are available. I understand that these costs are often funded by a single sponsor and give permission for K4K to share pictures and video of my child to my child’s specific sponsor. I understand that if my child is dis-enrolled from K4K, either voluntarily or involuntarily, that I will be responsible for all costs associated with attending TCTKD should my child wish to continue enrollment. I understand that in connection with K4K, my child will be assigned a volunteer mentor. I recognize that the volunteer assumes no legal or financial liability for my child. K4K volunteers are only employed to provide transportation to TCTKD two days per week. Any contacts outside of this are at the discretion of the parent, child and volunteer and K4K is not responsible for actions of the volunteer during these contacts. I understand and consent to that in order for K4K to provide responsible and professional services, it is necessary for clients and parent/guardians of clients to disclose personal information. I understand that it is a privilege for my child to participate in the Kicks for Kids program and receive martial arts training at TCTKD.

I do hereby release the organization and its employees, agents, members, volunteers and all other persons on its behalf from any and all liability for any damage or injury which such child might sustain while participating in said program and activities, including but not limited to any liability to any right of action that may occur to such child directly, or to me as his/her guardian.

I give my permission for the school to provide social and academic information about my child to K4K (e.g. report cards, STARR scores, attendance records, behavior reports, etc.), to have my child complete a questionnaire containing questions about school, home life, and personal interests, and to have my child talk with a K4K staff person about personal safety. I understand and consent to that all records are considered property of the agency, not of agency staff, clients, parent/guardians, volunteers or other authorized persons or representative; information from the application, interview process, or match support process may be shared between Kicks for Kids, schools, and partnership agencies when applicable. I understand that personally identifiable information of students which is obtained from education records provided by any school district or school will only be used or re-disclosed by K4K or its authorized representatives in accordance with requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Such information may not be re-disclosed to any third party (except back to the school district or school) without prior written consent of the school district or school, the parent or eligible student. Such information may not be used for any purpose other than the purpose stated in the agreement with the school district or school pursuant to which the information was obtained, and will only be disclosed to those authorized representatives of Kicks for Kids who have a legitimate interest in the program pursuant to which the information is provided.

I certify that all of the information on this form is true and correct and that all income is reported. I that the information on this application may be verified and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws. I understand that Kicks for Kids does not exclude Clients, Parents/Guardians, Volunteers, Staff or Board Members on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability.

Child’s Name

Parent or Guardian (Print)

Parent or Guardian (Signature) Date