



(Q) WHY SHOULD I PAY A FEE TO BE INDUCTED?

It's a question we are asked from time to time, and we're completely transparent as to WHY we request an induction fee of our new members. As an independent association of school owners and instructors, the International Martial Arts Council of America, Inc. (IMAC) represents a diverse cross-section of the global martial arts community. We do not dictate WHAT our school owners and instructors will teach, or HOW they will run their businesses. As such, we do not assess expensive franchise fees that Style-specific associations require to represent their organization. We simply provide them a place to call home and resource them for success.

Our member school owners and instructors join IMAC, our Association, for a variety of reasons. Some have left a Style-specific association and are want to charter as an independent school. Others seek access to our Grandmasters Council for accountability, training, and rank advancement. Still others join us for the world-class coaching and training resources we offer our membership, while others simply join for the fellowship and cross-training opportunities.

We are a 100% volunteer-led association. Not a single member of our staff is paid for the support they provide to our Membership throughout the year. All membership fees, dues, and assessments are reinvested back into the resources and tools we provide to our Members, membership scholarships to school owners in impoverished parts of our globe who do not have access to world-class training and resources, as well as provide funding for the Fighting Back institute, our nonprofit that provides free anti-bully, rape & assault prevention training and resources to schools, colleges, universities, and local support organizations here and around the globe.

We believe the value we provide our inductees far outweighs the nominal financial contribution we ask them to make to help support our Association and the many things we are doing to support the global martial arts community. We also believe if you're willing to invest in yourself, we're going to return more in value to you in terms of personal and professional development tools and resources than you're going to remit to help us continue to remain one of the leading independent martial arts associations in the world. We hope, having read this, you do too. Thank you for allowing us to be transparent and share with you how we are funded, and how these funds are stewarded and managed for the benefit of our Membership.

IMAC Member Resources

MARTIAL ARTS

- Black Belt Membership
- Student Membership
- International Rank Registry
- Black Belt Testing / Promotion
- Instructor Certification
- Master Instructor Certification
- School Charter Membership
- Grandmasters Council

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Sales & Marketing
- Student Retention
- Business Development
- Curriculum Development
- After-School Programs
- Character Development
- Black Belt Club
- Staff Development

COACHING & TRAINING

- Black Belt Leadership
- Black Belt Mindset
- Master Your Communication
- Master Your Money
- Master Your Emotions
- Master Your Relationships
- Master Your Career
- Master Your Teamwork