

APPLICATION FORM FOR ENTERING THE 8th LEVEL

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL TC COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ THE REQUIREMENTS ON THE NEXT PAGE, BELIEVE I MEET THEM, AND WOULD LIKE TO APPLY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE 8th LEVEL

1. What is the highest levels of WFW and SFW you have completed (enter the number of years you attended each of these programs)? WFW # \_\_\_\_\_ SFW # \_\_\_\_\_

2. I have done the Golden Orbit Home Training (circle one) YES / NO

3. Highest level of Apprenticeship taken: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Highest level of Apprenticeship taught: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the highest level of PH you've practiced? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please describe your ongoing process in practicing the tai chi form and push hands:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. An example of how I am working toward the development of myself in all aspects of life - physical, emotional, mental and spiritual is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. My current role in the local or international TC community is: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. What I feel I can bring to the 8th level is (consider where you are at this point and how you see yourself progressing):

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\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must provide two letters of recommendation – one from another apprentice who is at my level or more senior and the other from an apprentice that is junior to me in experience.

I am also aware that I will need to be interviewed by an 8th level committee and will find time to be available for this interview.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please email to [Patrice@WAstrategy.com](mailto:Patrice@WAstrategy.com) who will submit it to the 8th Level Committee.

## **List of Requirements for Nomination, Election and Membership**

1. Level of teaching and Tai Chi Chuan embodiment: The applicant must be able to teach Push Hands II with comfort and proficiency; must be actively teaching at least one TCF course over the year; must be consciously working towards the potential to teach all aspects of the curriculum of our school as a recognizable tradition of Professor Cheng Man-Ch'ing and Patrick Watson.
2. The applicant must model good teaching and exhibit a willingness to teach and mentor apprentices.
3. The applicant must have completed all WFW and SFW cycles including the Golden Orbit Individual Training, and preferably be working the PH7 level (at least having been working PH 6 as well as be engaged in regular PH practice).
4. The applicant must be working toward the development of his or her self in all aspects of life – physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual, for the benefit of all.
5. The applicant must be actively serving to further his or her local school, and/or the (inter)national school as manifested by the Tai Chi Foundation. The applicant must be a dues paying member of the TCF and must have attended at least one summer or winter training in the last 3 years.
6. The applicant must be committed, trustworthy, and strong enough to keep the teachings alive now, and for future generations.
7. The applicant must have shown spiritual self-responsibility (such as being willing to process issues/karma, recognizing the equality of all, being committed to working for the benefit of others and not just for their own self-aggrandizement, etc.). Applicant will be asked to give his or her own examples on the application form.
8. The applicant must demonstrate respectful attitudes and abilities in their interactions.
9. The applicant understands that if invited to join the 8<sup>th</sup> level they will need to attend a gathering of the 8<sup>th</sup> level in order to receive personal feedback from the larger group (“a line of inclusion”) and to be ceremonially admitted.
10. In exceptional situations, one or more of these criteria can be suspended by recommendation of 8th level members, with explication by the applicant how and when the missing criteria will be fulfilled or compensated for. The reasons for the exception will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee, which will make the final decision.