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Dear Birankai North America Qualified Instructor:

We are pleased to announce the 2010 Birankai Scholarship Program.

The purpose of this round of scholarship program is to support attendance at the 2010 Summer Camp, via reimbursement for expenses. All Birankai North America Qualified Instructors (Shidoi and Fukushidoi) are eligible to apply. There will be no need to disclose financial information or explain why you need the funds - - your statement of need will be enough. Likewise you will be on your honor to estimate your expense needs with some restraint. Fukushidoi will need a brief letter of recommendation from a Shidoi or Shihan as part of their application.

Funds are limited and can help only a relatively small number of individuals. We expect that if applicants can support their attendance at camp through personal funds, local dojo or regional efforts, they will do so rather than apply for this scholarship.

Applications can be paper-based and sent via surface mail or via email to the chair of the scholarship committee, (ptrainstein@comcast.net). We will allocate funds after reviewing applications. We are giving priority to applicants who have received no previous scholarship funds. We would also like to encourage applications from those who have not attended a recent national event. We will be able to provide six scholarships of up to \$400.00. We expect to announce recipients by April 15, 2010, so applications will need to be turned in by March 15, 2010.

If you have questions about the program please contact a member of the committee (listed below).

Best regards,

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Chair, Birankai NA Scholarship Committee

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