

ROAD TO JEDI FEDERATION KNIGHTHOOD

I. OBJECTIVE

To provide the International Jedi Federation with a standard for reviewing a Jedi Apprentice seeking knighthood.

II. PURPOSE

This document is intended to serve as a guide for evaluating a Jedi Candidate for Knighthood.

III. CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

To be considered eligible for Knighthood with the Jedi Federation, a candidate must:

- A. Be a member of the International Jedi Federation.
- B. Have attained at least twenty-two (22) years of age.
- C. Complete an approved Basic Jedi Training program.
- D. Demonstrate understanding of the Jedi Compass
- E. Compile a Candidate's Packet which include:
 - 1. A minimum of two (2) letters of reference, one of which is to be from an existing Knight.
 - 2. A sampling of assignments from Basic Jedi Training chosen by Council of Knowledge.
 - 3. Anything that the Candidate or candidate's Master deems appropriate (e.g. training journal, certificates, etc.)
- F. Undertake the Labyrinth of Trials by the Council of Mystics.
- G. Undergo a Background Check by the Council of Guardians.
- H. Sit before a Knighting Panel.

IV. STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Council of Knowledge will be responsible for ensuring all the following requirements are met at least one (1) full month before a scheduled Knighting Panel:
 - 1. That the Candidate has at least two (2) letters of recommendation (one of which is from an existing Knight) speaking to the candidate's role of knight.
 - 2. A Candidate has undergone an approved training program to reach the minimum requirements of a Jedi Apprentice.

3. Gathering a sampling of assignments from the training program to create a portfolio.
4. Ensuring all Knighting Panelists receive a copy of the Candidate's packet.
5. Creating an exercise whereby a Candidate demonstrates the ability to use the Jedi Compass in decision-making scenarios

B. The Council of Guardians will be responsible for:

1. Ensuring an age and background check have been completed.
 - a. Any sexual or violent offence found against a candidate will be reported to the Board of Directors for review and to be discussed with the Candidate before a Knighting Panel is approved.
 - i. Besides the Director(s) on a Knighting Panel, no other Knighting Panelists will be apprised of a Candidate's criminal history without the explicit approval of the Candidate.
 - ii. A Candidate's refusal to not allow for disclosure will not disqualify him/her for a Knighthood.
2. Investigating a Candidate's social presence to ensure they are not engaging in activities which go against the Code of Conduct or the Jedi Path nor would reflect negatively on the Jedi Federation.
3. Vetting Knights serving on Knighting Panel for a Jedi Candidate to ensure they do not have a major bias in favor of or against a Jedi Candidate.
 - a. The Director of the Guardians may assign this task to a qualified Jedi Guardian.
 - i. The qualified Guardian may not be a sponsor or Master to the candidate.
 - ii. The qualified Guardian may not be on probation.
4. The assigned Guardian(s) will report their findings to the Director of the Guardians.
5. The Director of the Guardians will communicate the results of the background check to the Panelists.

C. The Council of Mystics will be responsible for the oversight of the Labyrinth of Trials.

1. The Labyrinth should occur no more than two (2) months prior to the Candidate's Panel.
2. The Director of the Mystics may assign the performance of the Labyrinth of Trials to a qualified Jedi Mystic(s).

- a. Up to two (2) Jedi Mystics may be assigned to one candidate per Labyrinth.
 - b. The Assigned Mystic(s) may not be a Sponsor or Master to the candidate.
 - c. The Assigned Mystic(s) may not be on probation.
 - d. The Assigned Mystic(s) will not be allowed to serve on the Candidate's Knighting Panel.
3. The assigned Mystic(s) will be responsible for reviewing Jedi Compass areas of concerning "Self-Awareness" and "Overcome".
 4. The assigned Mystic(s) will give an assessment to the Director of Mystics on whether a Candidate passed or failed the Labyrinth of Trials.
 - a. If the Candidate failed, the assigned Mystic will need to communicate to the Director of the Mystics what they feel was a demonstration of failure.
 5. The Director of the Mystics will communicate the general information to the Interviewers as the section it falls under in the Jedi Compass (Self-Awareness Interior, Self-Awareness Exterior, Overcome Aggression, Overcome Recklessness, and/or Overcome Attachments), but will not disclose any specific details to the Interviewers.
- D. The President will be responsible for assembling Knights for the Knighting Panel.
1. The President may assign this task to the Vice President.
 2. The assigned "President" will recommend knights to sit on the Candidate's Knighting Panel, and ensure the recommended Knights are willing to sit in.
 - a. Any Jedi Federation Knight may be eligible to sit on the Panel with the following exceptions:
 - i. A Candidate's Master or sponsor may not participate in their panel.
 - ii. A Jedi Federation Knight on Probation will not be allowed to sit on the panel.
 - b. There must be a minimum of three (3) Knights, but not to exceed four (4) on the Panel.
 - c. At least one (1) Knight on the Panel must be a member of the Board of Directors who will chair the panel.
 - d. At least one (1) Knight must have observed and evaluated the Candidate's ability to use the Jedi Compass in the exercise created by the Council of Knowledge.
 3. After Knighting Panelists have been approved by the Council of Guardians, the "President" will give each member one of the following sections of the Jedi Compass (Ineffable, Core Ethics, Virtues, and Prowess) to review:

- a. If only three (3) members are on the Knighting Panel, “Prowess” will be given to the Knight that oversees “Ineffable”

V. The Knighting Panel

- A. The Candidate and the Sponsor shall come before the Panel with the Candidate stating his/her name and Jedi name
- B. The Candidate shall be asked if s/he is prepared to accept the decision of the Panel as the status of the knighting which would be recognized by this organization and its affiliates.
 - 1. If the Candidate does NOT accept, then s/he must leave the room. The process will then end here.
 - 2. If the Candidate DOES accept, then ask the Sponsor to present his/her reasons for recommendation and/or why the Candidate should be recognized as a Knight. The Sponsor will be given two minutes for an opening statement. Then ask the Sponsor to please leave the room so that the Panel may interview the Candidate.
- C. Each Knight will be allowed to ask up to five (5) questions.
- D. A minimum of three (3) questions must pertain to the section (Ineffable, Core Ethics, Virtues, and Prowess) the Knight has been given to use for review of the Candidate.
- E. The last two (2) questions may be personal questions, but must be based on the information they received in the Candidate’s Packet or presented by the Candidate during the interview itself.
- F. The Candidate will then be given a two (2) minute closing statement on why they feel they should be Knighted. The Candidate will then be asked to exit the room so that the Panel may deliberate.
- G. The Knighting Panelists will deliberate on the information in the Candidate’s Packet, results of the Labyrinth, demonstration of the Jedi Compass, and the interview itself to determine if the Candidate is ready for Knighthood.
 - 1. One minute of silence is observed for reflection/meditation.
 - 2. The Panelists will take an initial poll that will be anonymous. If it is shown that the panel is unanimous in either passing or failing a candidate, then that poll will be taken as the final vote and no further action is required.
 - 3. If the Panel is not unanimous, then the Panel must go around the table getting thoughts and impressions as to the Knighthood fitness of the Candidate. Each Panelist must be given a chance to express one’s view and opinion.
 - 4. The Panel may request the Sponsor to return to clarify any lingering questions/comments as well as offer a final summation regarding the Candidate. The Panel will then ask the

Sponsor to leave so that they may continue their discussion

5. This deliberation shall not exceed 10 minutes. With one additional minute at the end for silence and reflection so that members may digest said opinions.
 6. After their silent and reflective meditation, the Panel must vote. Each Panelist will get one vote of “Pass” or “Fail” with the Chair voting last. Majority Vote will be accepted.
- H. After the decision, they will call the Candidate back in to communicate their constructive findings and final decision.