



**MASTER SMITH APPLICANT PERFORMANCE TEST CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has passed all has passed all cutting tests as prescribed by the ABS. The tests consisted of cutting a one inch hemp rope, with a traditional pattern welded Damascus steel knife, with 300 or more forge-welded layers, made by the Applicant, with a blade length of approximately 10 inches. The test knife cut the rope with one swing at approximately six inches from the loose hanging end. The test knife cut a 2 x 4 in two twice. Upon completion, the test knife was capable of shaving hair from the Applicant's arm. The knife was then bent to at least 90 degrees without breaking, the edge being allowed to crack, but the back holding together.

I certify that the Applicant is capable of making excellent Damascus steel, with superior edge holding qualities, and the Applicant forge welded the knife that was used to perform all of the above tests.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Master Smith Signature

**AGREEMENT OF APPLICANT**

As an Applicant for the rating of Master Smith in the American Bladesmith Society, I will submit my work for judging to the ABS Board of Directors at the ABS annual meeting and show. I do hereby agree to accept the decision of the Judging Board without question.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

American Bladesmith Society, Inc.  
Journeyman and Mastersmith Performance Test Notification Form

The candidate being tested certifies below that the test blade was his sole authorship and that no part of the knife was made while under instruction.

Candidate Tested:

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Performance Test \_\_\_\_\_

Results of Performance Test (Check one) Pass \_\_\_\_\_

Fail \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Master Smith:

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_