
What do I need to know about having a weyrling persona at the Kadanzer Weyr?

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Creating a Weyrling Persona for Kadanzer Weyr:

Many members start out in the club by creating a candidate persona who goes on to Impress a dragon and become a weyrling. This is a perfectly wonderful way to start out in the club, and one which we do recommend.

Candidate Considerations:

- Please review the Search procedures detailed in our Handbook. Our Search procedures are a bit more complicated than most clubs'. In particular, be aware that the Kadanzer Weyr will only Search within its own territory. That means that no Kadanzer searchriders will take a candidate from the Northern Continent, or from the lands protected by the other Southern Weyrs.
- Weyrlings will only Impress on the Hatching Grounds. There will be no dragons Impressed anywhere but at the Weyr; there are no wild dragons.
- Candidates must be between the ages of 15 and 21 to Impress a dragon; older and younger Candidates will not be Searched.
- Keep in mind that there aren't teenagers per se at the Holds or Halls; girls will be considered of marriageable age at 15 or 16 Turns, and that arranged marriages are common. The Weyr will rarely Search someone who is married, but it has been known to happen. Many candidates are engaged to marry at the time of their Search.
- Apprentice crafters will be Searched, but journeymen only very, very rarely. It is uncommon for journeymen to be younger than 21. There are no Craftmasters within the age group of 15 to 21.
- Candidate personas do not bring their pets with them to the Weyr, with the exception of firelizards; it is very uncommon for children to be allowed to Impress firelizards, and firelizard eggs are considered rare and precious trade commodities at the Holds and Halls.
- Hatchings will not happen until we have at least eight persona characters in a weyrling class, so members with new candidate personas may have to wait if they want to experience a Hatching. In this case, we recommend you both create a candidate, and adopt a dragonrider NPC, so you can jump into the life of the Weyr most rapidly.
- Everyone with a candidate persona is encouraged to enroll on the candidates@kadanzer.org email list. Please do so – it will help you meet your fellow candidates, and keep you from being left out of candidate-centered stories.
- Any stories, artwork, or miscellaneous submissions about a candidate persona will earn points toward their eventual weyrling ranking. These points are being tracked for you by the Weyrlingmaster.

Hatching Rules at the Kadanzer Weyr

- Hatchings are regularly held as on-line events. Your online participation at a Hatching event is not required for your persona to Impress, but we always recommend it if you can make it.
- If you want to have your female persona Impress a green or blue dragon, or your male persona to Impress a green, blue, or brown, all you have to do is tell the Weyrlingmaster that, prior to a hatching event.
- If you want a female candidate to Impress a brown, and a male candidate to Impress a bronze, then you will need to earn that persona's ranking requirements for that brown/bronze prior to a Hatching event. Golds at hatchings are awarded only to those who have earned them, and gold impressions will be arranged in advance of a hatching event.
- Candidates must be approved personas prior to a hatching event.
- You may also be required to respond to emails from the Weyrlingmaster verifying what your choice of dragon color or dragon name will be (or instead, if you wish to be surprised.)

- You are free to choose your own dragon's name, or let the Weyrlingmaster surprise you with one. (If there is a specific name you want, PLEASE verify first that it has not already been used, either in AM's books or in the Weyr itself.)

We will only give out bronze dragonets when someone with a candidate persona has done something with their candidate to earn that bronze. A major submission of some type (four pages worth of stories or artwork, for example) will be required to earn that bronze prior to a hatching event. The same for female brownriders -- a member cannot have a brown for their female weyrling unless the member creates a major submission first to earn it. If more than one female candidate has met the major submission requirement prior to a hatching event, then more than one brown dragonet may be Impressed by girls at that hatching.

Post-Hatching Concerns

- After a hatching event, members with new weyrlings MUST update their persona CIS to reflect Impression. You will generally be given a two-week or so deadline to do so. We ask that you take care to change the persona's name in the blurb, if necessary, and to be sure to make any reference to being a candidate past-tense.
- If you no longer have a candidate persona, please unsubscribe to the candidates@kadanzer.org account, and please subscribe instead to the elist for your weyrling class. The elist account is generally "wc[your class number]@kadanzer.org. For example, wc25@kadanzer.org. If you fail to subscribe to this list, you will likely miss out on a lot!
- Group collaboration stories are often planned for Impression stories; look to your class elist for more information.
- Life as a weyrling will happen at one-fictional-day per one-real-day rate. So it will take 18 months between Impression and graduation for your weyrling persona. Any submissions for your persona made during this time will be compiled in your persona's weyrling ranking. Folks who earn more than 10 points will be added to the Weyrlingmaster's Hall of Fame. Weyrlings who earn no points are considered average students; the top students in each class will be the students whose members have earned the most points in their names.
- While you can choose for storyline purposes to say that your persona is doing poorly in class if you wish, irregardless of the Weyrling Rank points you accumulate, the reserve is NOT true. You cannot say that your persona is a top performing student in their Weyrling Class unless that persona has the weyrling rank points to reflect it.
- A Character Development Questionnaire is available for weyrlings; please see the Message Boards for more information. Properly completed CDQs will earn your weyrling 2 rank points.
- Sometimes extra-credit points are available by creating NPC weyrlings for your class. Watch your class's elist for the opportunity.

Graduating your weyrling to the combat Wings

- As your class nears graduation, everyone with a weyrling persona will be asked to update your CIS to reflect your persona's graduation to the combat Wings. Members who fail to update their weyrling's CIS will fail to graduate, and that weyrling will be held back to the next class.
- Only two weyrlings per class will be graduated into each of the combat Wings -- so if you want to have your persona graduate to a specific Wing, contact the Wing's owner or the Weyrlingmaster, to make your preferences known.
- Once your persona graduates, the weyrling class elist will be cancelled. You are asked to subscribe your persona to their new Wing's elist, which is the Wing's name (i.e. FireStorm@kadanzer.org).
- Submissions about a weyrling persona which are submitted after the Real Life date of graduation will be counted toward your personas new wingrider ranking, not toward the old weyrling ranking.