

Frequently Asked Questions about Carter G. Woodson Academy

- **Who was Carter G. Woodson?**

A historian, author, journalist, and educator who devoted his life to the historical research of African-American history and culture.

- **What does the Carter G. Woodson Academy offer that is unique?**

A traditional preparatory program that provides an advanced and rigorous curriculum that meets the common core standards through the lens of African American history, culture and culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies.

- **Is the Carter G. Woodson Academy only for African American males?**

No, this program is open to all Fayette County males.

- **Why is this program just for males?**

This program is a strategy designed to impact the needs identified by the district's data on the academic performance of males.

- **Where is the Carter G. Woodson Academy?**

The program is located inside Frederick Douglass High School at 2000 Winchester Road. 6. Can I fill out an application for a child of whom I do not have custody? Yes, however the parent or legal guardian must sign off on the application and, if the student is accepted to Carter G. Woodson, the parent or guardian must agree to the change in enrollment.

- **What is the criterion for being accepted into the program?**

Students will have to complete our application process in order to apply for admittance to the program. The selection committee will use a 4 step process that includes a scoring rubric and a grouped lottery system to ensure fair consideration of all applicants.

- **Will students who receive special education services be allowed to attend?**

Yes, all interested males can go through the application process.

- **Will the program offer English as a Second Language services?**

Yes, if a student has that need.

- **Do I have to be on free/reduced lunch to apply?**

No, any interested male from any socio-economic background may apply.

- **Is there a dress code?**

Yes, all participants are expected to wear a uniform that includes a navy blue sports coat, a white dress shirt with a grade level specific CGWA tie, gray dress pants and burgundy penny loafers. Students dress professionally for success.

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Application Instructions

Your first step toward admission is filling out the application. These instructions are designed to help you improve your chances of acceptance.

- 1) All applications are due **November 15, 2019**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for admission.
- 2) The application includes the following: student form, student questionnaire, parent/guardian form, counselor recommendation and adult recommendation.
- 3) Since the application requires assistance from a parent/guardian, school guidance counselor and an adult you ask to write a recommendation, it is important that you start the process early and give people time to complete their portions of the application.
- 4) The student form, student questionnaire and parent/guardian form are self-explanatory. Just complete the information requested. If you want to write more than the space in the boxes provides, simply attach additional sheets.
- 5) Give the counselor recommendation to your guidance counselor at school. Once they have completed the form, have them send the form directly to the Academy via courier, email or fax (381-3933). Please make sure you sign the authorization at the top of the form so that your counselor can share the requested information with CGWA.
- 6) For the adult recommendation form, you may choose any adult you feel would be able to support your son's candidacy for Carter G. Woodson Academy. You may ask a teacher, club sponsor, scout leader, youth group leader, coach, tutor, minister, or any other adult who knows your son well and can speak to his potential for success. Please include their completed letter of recommendation with the parent and student portions of the application.

Mail/bring completed applications to: Carter G. Woodson Academy
2000 Winchester Road
Lexington, KY 40509

If mailed, applications must be postmarked no later than **November 15, 2019** and received in our office no later **November 20**. Faxed and hand delivered applications must be received by **November 15**.