



The Carter G. Woodson Scholarship & Community Service Foundation, Inc.



A 501(c)(3) Charitable Corporation

2020 Carter G. Woodson Scholarship Application

The Carter G. Woodson Scholarship and Community Service Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation whose ultimate mission is to help improve the quality of life for the less fortunate in the Madison community. To those ends, we have:

- Launched the Woodson Boys Club Mentoring Program for middle school boys.
- Distributed new, multicultural, high interest books to middle school students.
- Offered cultural enrichment opportunities for disadvantaged youth who lack access. \
- Granted college scholarships and book awards to disadvantaged high school students.
- Donated food to needy families and individuals at Thanksgiving.

The **ultimate goal** of the foundation is to help improve the quality of life for the less fortunate in the Madison community. To that end, "Education + Community Uplift = An Improved Quality of Life" became the motto of the Foundation.

The **mission** of the foundation is two-fold: (1) To provide community service to the disadvantaged and downtrodden. (2) To extend scholarships to graduating seniors who enroll full time in accredited post-secondary educational institutions.

The **structural design** of the Woodson Foundation is to operate four programs that directly benefit Madison-area disadvantaged children and youth: (1) RIF Book Distribution, (2) Cultural Enrichment, (3) Social Action, and (4) Scholarship.

The Carter G. Woodson Scholarship is awarded to graduating high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have demonstrated a commitment and a passion for life-long learning and community service. The Carter Woodson Foundation Scholarship winner will have demonstrated an ability to overcome adversity and a commitment to helping others. Academic achievement is important, but not the deciding factor in determining awardees.

To be eligible for a Woodson Foundation Scholarship, the Applicant must:

1. Attend a high school located in Dane County, Wisconsin.
2. Enroll in and attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university, vocational, or technical school in the Fall of 2020.
3. Be identified as a student from a disadvantaged background. This scholarship is intended for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, who are historically underrepresented in higher education.
4. Submit a completed application and supporting materials no later than May 1, 2020.

P.O. Box 1494Madison, WI53701

Application

This Application must be legible. It is preferred that the Application be typed, but we will accept a handwritten Application if the handwriting is legible.

Applicant's Full Name: _____
First **Middle** **Last**

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of High School: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Race/Ethnicity _____

Please check the box that applies to your family income situation:

Family Income: ___ Below \$25,000 ___ \$25,000-\$50,000 ___ \$50,000-\$75,000
 ___ \$75,000-\$100,000 ___ Over \$100,000

Please describe the highest educational degree received in your household:

___ High school graduate ___ Some college ___ Bachelor degree
___ Graduate and or professional degree (i.e. medical, law, or education doctorate)
___ No High School Graduates

Please submit the following documents with your Scholarship Application:

1. A copy of your official high school transcripts.
2. A description of any service learning, community service, and/or volunteer work.
3. A list of your employment history. If currently employed, include the average number of hours worked.
4. A list of any academic honors, awards or special recognitions you have received in high school.
5. An essay (minimum of 500 words) outlining your intended major and the importance of your intended major in today's society. Please also discuss the most important issues your intended field is facing today.
6. A brief statement indicating why the applicant identifies as a member of an underrepresented group.
7. Optional: Letters of recommendation supporting your academic ability, volunteer or community service record, and/or perseverance through adversity.
8. Optional: Supporting documentation such as news articles, awards, and college acceptance letters.

For further information, please contact Richard L. Jones, Sr., the Scholarship Committee Chair, via phone at (608) 212-5504, or email at rljones511@gmail.com.

Completed Scholarship Applications must be received by U.S. Mail or Email no later than **May 1, 2020** and may be submitted by U.S. Mail or electronically by email to:

Please Submit Scholarship Applications by U.S. Mail to:

The Carter G. Woodson Foundation
c/o Scholarship Committee Chair
P.O. Box 1494
Madison, WI 53701

Please Submit Scholarship Applications Electronically to:

rljones511@gmail.com

Any electronic submissions must list "Woodson Scholarship Application" on the Subject Line.

The Woodson Foundation will announce scholarship recipients no later than May 20, 2020 and scholarship awards will be disbursed upon verification that recipients are enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution.

Scholarship recipients should plan to attend an awards ceremony that is TENTATIVELY scheduled to be held Sunday, May 31, 2020.

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