

Attention: K-12 Students and Teachers

Marshall University's Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum announces

The 2021 Black History Poster Competitions for K-12 Students in WV



At least three awards will be given:

- Elementary School Poster Design Prize Winner
- Middle School Poster Design Prize Winner
- High School Student Poster Design Prize Winner

2021 Poster Theme: "African Americans and Racial Justice"

Deadline: Friday, October 30, 2020, 5 p.m.

Eligibility: Students enrolled in any West Virginia K-12 school may enter. We work closely with Cabell County Schools and encourage art teachers to take the competition on as class assignments and to assist students and parents with submissions. However, the competition is open to all students in West Virginia who may or may not be enrolled in art classes or in a Cabell County class.

Criteria: The poster will be judged on the extent to which it effectively expresses The Woodson Lyceum's 2021 Black History theme, "African Americans and Racial Justice"; its potential to support Dr. Carter G. Woodson's ideas to improve race relations; and design quality.

Prizes for Students: Three \$100 Prizes for Poster Design Award, one each to the top entry from elementary, middle, and high school. Elementary, middle and high school students compete within their age group only. The Design Excellence Prize winning works will be printed and distributed. To collect winners' prizes, parents or guardians must grant permission to The Lyceum and school districts to publish and display the artwork. Additional government forms may be necessary to process payments to entrants.

Prizes for Teachers: \$50 awards to teachers of the winning students.

Online Submission: <https://www.marshall.edu/art/black-history-poster-competition/>

Size: Submit 11x14" or 8½x11" documents. Teachers are encouraged to assist parents and students in completing the submission forms online.

- File type may be either PDF or JPG with a maximum size of 4MB.
- Here is a tutorial to assist with taking a good photograph of your poster design:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKgWlZvm3Hs&t=107s>
- For assistance with taking your photograph or uploading your submission, contact Professor Sandra Reed at sandra.reed@marshall.edu.
- Submission constitutes agreement with terms of the competition.

Notification: Winners will be announced before February 1, 2021.

Winners and their teachers will be invited to attend an Awards Ceremony at Marshall University.

Background: Dr. Carter G. Woodson (Dec. 19, 1875-April 3, 1950), the Father of Black History, said the turning point in his career was his West Virginia years, a period that included graduation from Huntington's Douglass School, service as its principal and work as a coal miner. Dr. Woodson created the first "Negro History Week" Feb. 6-12, 1926, and his followers expanded it to a month 50 years later. Dr. Woodson advocated the study of Black History throughout the year, but disrespect for people of African descent was rampant, and only a week was possible during his day. In 2016, Burnis Morris and the late Alan Gould cofounded The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum at Marshall University, with the blessings of President Jerome Gilbert and (former) Provost Gayle Ormiston, cementing Dr. Woodson's ties to West Virginia and the region. Aristotle's first school was called lyceum, but the name also is closely associated with justice and freedom for African Americans and the press. For instance, during a speech at a lyceum in Springfield, Illinois, Abraham Lincoln attacked the murder of abolitionist editor Elijah Lovejoy, and crusading journalist Ida B. Wells brought attention to injustice at a Memphis lyceum and through that lyceum's newspaper. The Woodson Lyceum, a collaboration between Marshall University's Drinko Academy and the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, is a Woodson-inspired forum on Black History and education and provides support for a free press.

· To see examples of past winning work by West Virginia K-12 students, visit:
<https://www.marshall.edu/woodsonlyceum/poster-contest/>

· Students are encouraged to be creative and to explore ideas and concepts, but images/designs must be consistent with goals to commemorate Black History and improve race relations.

For more information about the Woodson Lyceum: www.marshall.edu/woodsonlyceum

To learn more about Dr. Woodson's early years:

<https://asah.org/about-us/carter-g-woodson-the-early-years-1875-1903/>

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