

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson 2022 Black History Essay Competition for Students in Grades 10-12 and at Marshall University

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Eligibility:

There are four separate divisions for the competition based on three high school levels — for students in grades 10, 11 and 12 — and one level for all Marshall University students.

Prizes:

\$100 each to winners in grades 10, 11 and 12; **\$200** to the Marshall University winner, and \$50 to honorable mentions.

Deadline:

By 5 p.m., Sunday, January 16th, 2022

Theme:

The 2022 National Black History theme is “Black Health and Wellness” is the 2022 poster theme, which is also this year’s National Black History Theme established by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Please read the ASALH statement on **Black Health and Wellness** for inspiration before beginning your essay: <https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>.

Essays will be judged on:

- The extent to which students effectively express the importance of Black Health and Wellness.
- Correct use of spelling, grammar usage, sentence structure.
- organization, arguments and conclusion also will be considered by judges.

Format

Please note the following requirements:

1. The student's name and grade level should be typed on the top left of the page (line 1). Marshall students should state their names, year in school and major on the top line.
2. On line 2, type the essay's — "Importance of Black Health and Wellness" — flush left . Begin the composition on line 3, flush left. Separate paragraphs with line spaces.
3. Page setup should be 1-inch margins, and text should be double-spaced using 12point font in Times New Roman. Essays should be submitted only in Microsoft Word.
4. Create a name for the Word doc to be attached in this style: Your Lastname_BlackHistoryEssay_2022 (Example: Morris_BlackHistoryEssay_2022).

Submission

Scan the entry form on page 2 and email it with the essay as separate attachments to Professor Burnis Morris, The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum: morrisb@marshall.edu. Students may also print the form and essay and mail them to Professor Burnis Morris, SOJMC, 1 John Drive, Marshall University, Huntington, WV 25755. Contact us if you prefer to hand deliver the printed documents. However, the deadline for entries to reach us remains unchanged.

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Background

Dr. Carter G. Woodson is considered the Father of Black History. He received his high school diploma from Frederick Douglass High School in Huntington, West Virginia, in 1896, and returned four years later as principal. A statue of Dr. Woodson is located at 820 Hall Greer Blvd., in Huntington. About Dr. Woodson:

www.marshall.edu/woodsonlyceum/

Other Important Information

- Winners must complete paperwork for payments of the awards.
 - Winners (including parents/guardians of minors) grant permission for use of the winning essays in printed forms and online in various promotions.
 - Winners are expected to attend the awards dinner at Marshall in February.
 - Visit www.marshall.edu/woodsonlyceum/, where this information also will be available.
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Application and Consent Form to Be Submitted with Essay

I am submitting the attached essay for consideration in the 2022 Dr. Carter G. Woodson Black History Essay Contest. I understand that by entering this contest, if my essay is selected as a winner, I am granting The Marshall University National Pan-Hellenic Council and The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum at Marshall University permission to publish and use my essay in all of their promotions.

Print or type Name of Student _____

Age _____

Student's Street Address _____ City _____
State _____

Student's email address _____ Phone# _____

Grade in school or year in college _____

Name of school _____

Location of school City _____, State _____

Are you a Marshall Student _____?

If yes, what is your major? _____

Signature of student _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Student is under 18 _____

Print or type name of parent or guardian _____

Phone# _____

Parent or guardian's email _____

Complete the above form and scan and attach it with the essay. Students also may print the form and mail the typed essay. Email: morrisb@marshall.edu. Or US mail:

*Professor Burnis Morris, The Carter G. Woodson Lyceum, 1 John Marshall Drive,
Huntington, WV 25755*