

* Applications MUST be postmarked by deadline date:
* Fall-September 15
* Spring-January 15
* Summer-April 1
* Applications should be complete upon submission. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed
* Returning students are considered with priority
* Early submission is encouraged for new and returning applicants
* Applicants will be notified of acceptance by mail or email
* **New** students are **required** to submit a one page essay
	+ Elementary students are required to submit a handwritten or typed essay
		- Topic: Why I want to participate in the Ben Carson Science Academy (4th & 5th Graders)
	+ Middle school students are required to submit a typed essay, double spaced in Times New Roman 12 point font with 1”margins on each side.
		- Topic: Why it is important to be scientifically literate in today’s society (6th, 7th, & 8th Graders)



***Selection Criteria:*** The following criteria will be used in selecting students to participate in the Benjamin Carson Science Academy

**NEW STUDENTS**

The student must:

* Have a minimum of a “B” average in academic coursework
* Have a minimum of a “B” average math or science
* Be a candidate for promotion to the next grade level
* Have regular in school attendance
* Have demonstrated academic potential
* Have an aptitude and interest in science
* Complete new student application by the application deadline
* Submit two letters of recommendations from educational officials from the home school (one must be from a science teacher)
* Submit a one page essay
* Submit a copy of the most recent report card and achievement test scores

**RETURNING STUDENTS**

 The student must:

* Have been accepted and attended a previous Saturday or Summer Science Academy
* Have maintained the minimum required grade point average
* Be a candidate for promotion to the next grade level
* Have regular in school attendance
* Have demonstrated academic potential
* Have an aptitude and interest in science
* Complete returning student application by the application deadline
* Submit a copy of the most recent report card and achievement test scores



**NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST**

\_\_\_Application

\_\_\_Recent student photograph

\_\_\_Current Report Card (demonstrating C+ average)

\_\_\_Letter of recommendation from science teacher

\_\_\_Letter of recommendation from guidance counselor

\_\_\_One-page writing sample (see writing sample section for instructions)

\_\_\_Achievement test scores (i.e. CRCT, ITBS)

**RETURNING STUDENT CHECKLIST**

 \_\_\_Returning student application

 \_\_\_Current Report Card (report cards from previous programs will not be used)

 \_\_\_Current Achievement test scores (i.e. CRCT, ITBS, Stanford)