# S. Douglass Cater Society of Junior Fellows Cater Apprentices Program Application Form

Named for journalist, educator and twenty-first president of Washington College Douglass Cater, the Cater Society of Junior Fellows was founded in 1992. The Society was intended "to create a collegium of students motivated to reach beyond classroom performance," both by "supporting internships or other projects individually designed by them" and fostering a "companionship of learning," "limited only by the imagination."

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The Society meets regularly to hear reports from those members who have carried out the kind of projects outlined above, holds workshops on topics ranging from public speaking to the writing of grant proposals, meets from time to time to discuss anything from timeless moral questions to the pressing issues of the day, and participates in the publication of the *Washington College Review*, an annual journal of undergraduate research and writing. Members of the Society are active contributors to the intellectual, ethical, and social fabric of the College.

Dr. Aaron M. Lampman, of the Department of Anthropology, presently serves as Curator of the Society. Once a year, students meeting the criteria for membership are elected to the Society by an Advisory Council, consisting of the Provost and Dean of the College, the Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, the Chairs of the three Divisions (or their designates), the Curator, and the Student President and Vice President of the Society.

The ***Cater Apprentices Program*** is an enrichment program for well-rounded and high-achieving students with the goal of nurturing them intellectually during their third and fourth semesters at Washington College so that they may eventually seek admission to the Society of Junior Fellows with a well-developed familiarity with its ideals and purpose.

The Cater Apprentices Program (CAP) is open only to full-time rising sophomore students who will be invited to apply at the end of their second semester at Washington College. Candidates will be invited to apply by the Curator of the Society.

To be eligible for consideration a student must meet be a first-semester sophomore and must meet basic standards such as having a GPA of 3.6, be of good character and in good judicial standing on and off campus, and should be engaged in extra-curricular activities that give some indication of the student’s potential for leadership. The CSJF’s Curator and Advisory Board will select between 10 and 15 candidates for admission.

Apprenticeship is not CSJF membership and it does not imply any guarantee of future acceptance into the CSJF. Apprentices are not eligible for direct grants or funding from the CSJF.

Apprentices are expected to attend the bi-weekly meetings of the CSJF so as to absorb ideas and learn from the experience and example of CSJF members. They may participate in activities sponsored by the CSJF for its members. The significant benefit to apprentices is the stimulating environment and opportunity to closely work with and be inspired by individual CSJF members.

Apprentices will be assigned a mentor from the CSJF who will encourage them to participate in extracurricular activities in the broader community and to pursue avenues that bring self-development in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and character.

Apprentices may work as volunteers (and are in fact encouraged to do so) on one CSJF-funded projects designed and carried out by a CSJF mentor. Upon successful completion and presentation of the report by the CSJF member, the mentor and apprentice will receive individual honorariums.

Continued membership in the CAP will depend upon the student continuing to meet the character and GPA requirements at the end of each semester. A student who withdraws from any course after the drop date, or whose registration status drops below full-time will not be eligible for continuation even if his/her GPA in the residual courses meets the cutoff. An apprenticeship ends at the conclusion of the student’s sophomore year or earlier if admitted to the Society of Junior Fellows.

**Application Checklist**

The application packet consists of

1. The completed and signed Cater Apprentice Membership Application Form including the personal statement of the ways in which your background and accomplishments qualify you to be an Apprentice in the Douglass Cater Society of Junior Fellows.
2. One letter of recommendation on the official form from your a full-time faculty member who knows you well and is familiar with your academic work.

**A printed copy of the completed application must be submitted to Bari Lynne Kersey, Faculty Secretary, in Toll N117 no later than NOON on the stated deadline**.

Each applicant is responsible for submitting the signed original and for ensuring that all supporting documents are submitted as required**.** Use a word processor to fill out the form, and print your documents on a laser printer for clarity.

You do not need to submit a transcript. The committee will obtain an official WC transcript to be considered along with your application. **You should contact your professors early enough to give them the lead time they need to write and submit your recommendation letters by the stated deadline.** **Late or incomplete applications will not be processed, so give your professor plenty of time to complete their letter of recommendation!**

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| Name |  |
| Post Box No. |  |
| Campus Address |  |
| Campus Phone |  |
| E-Mail Address |  |

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| Academic Information | |
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| Class (indicate SO, JR, SR) |  |
| Majors and Minors (if declared) |  |
| Academic Advisor |  |
| Career/Professional Goals |  |

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| Academic Record (Fill out only the first four lines. The CSJF will obtain your GPA and class rank from the Registrar) | |
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| When did you first enroll at Washington College? |  |
| How many semesters have you completed at WAC? |  |
| Student ID |  |
| Name of Recommender |  |
| Current G.P.A. and Class Rank |  |
| Registrar’s Attestation |  |

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| Agreement and Signature | |
| By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as an apprentice of the Douglass Cater Society of Junior Fellows, I will be expected to attend weekly meetings regularly, to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5, and be in good standing with the Washington College Honor Board. Failure to do so may subject me to dismissal from the Cater Apprentices Program. | |
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| Name (printed) |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

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| Academic Honors and Awards |
| Briefly list all scholastic distinctions or honors you have earned to date. List the honors and distinctions earned prior to attending Washington College separately from those you have received while attending this college. Use as much space as required. |
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| Leadership Experience |
| Briefly list any leadership experience you have had in student clubs, church groups, athletic teams, etc. List the experience gained prior to attending Washington College separately from what you acquired while attending this college. Use as much space as required. |
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| Extra-Curricular Activities |
| Summarize your hobbies, and activities such as community service, relevant employment, volunteer work, or other activities including sports. Distinguish activities prior to attending Washington College from what you have done while attending this College. Use as much space as required. |
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| Applicant’s Essay and Personal Statement |
| In the space below or on a separate sheet of paper describe the ways in which you might contribute to the Society as a Cater Apprentice, and discuss how the apprenticeship could be of benefit to you. Draw on your own background, talents, goals, and experience here as well as outside to support your essay. Your statement should be at least one page and not more than two pages long, in the Tahoma 10pt. type with interline spacing of 1.15. |
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