Shaw High School

Mass Communications Academy

**Application for Enrollment 2017 – 2018**

MAGNET APPLICATION TIMELINE

1. August 8, 2016 – January 13, 2017 application packets accepted (may be mailed, hand carried or emailed with signatures)
2. Student must attend one of the three required writing sample dates, December 13, 2016, January 12, 2017 or January 21, 2017.
3. Acceptance or Denial letters will be mailed no later than February 6, 2017.
4. Transfer form must be returned/signed within one week of being accepted into the program, this form will be turned in to MCSD at the end of February. If you need transportation, ensure you check the box on the transfer form.
5. Once you have been accepted to the magnet program you should ensure your address/contact information is correct in the school district’s computer system. If you are coming from Faith Middle School (Fort Benning) you should enroll your student for the 17 – 18 school year into the Muscogee County School District during the spring break time frame.

Application Enrollment Packet Checklist

Documents can be scanned (with signatures) and emailed to white.kimberly.s@muscogee.k12.ga.us

***Note: incomplete applications may not be reviewed****.*

1. Student Information Form
2. Student/Parent Responsibility Agreement
3. Three completed recommendation forms from current school teachers or administrators (these will be sent by the teachers/schools)
4. A copy of the MOST RECENT report card

On-site Student Writing Sample

Students will be required to attend one of the on-site writing sample dates. Students will use Microsoft Word, with no Internet access, to write a minimum of five paragraphs from a variety of topics. The time limit is one hour to complete this writing sample. The dates of the writing sample will be:

Tuesday December 13, 2016 at 6 pm,

Thursday January 12, 2017 at 6 pm, or

Saturday January 21, 2017 at 10 am



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**STUDENT INFORMATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle

Please circle: Male Female **|** White Black Asian Hispanic Other

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Primary phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student GTID Number if known (needed for transfer form)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Assigned high school**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School you currently attend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\*Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_

Will you require MCSD bus transportation? Yes No

Will you require Special Education programs? Yes No

Address if not in Muscogee County School District \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Siblings currently at Shaw High School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Graduates of Shaw\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you had any experience with: Broadcast Video , Web Design , Journalism , Image Editing , Video Editing ,

Graphic Design ------ Briefly explain your experience with the checked area:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please use the back if more space is needed:

List your community activities: (Scouts, church volunteer work, outside activities, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List any awards you have received in the last two years (academic, athletic and other) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print the names of three current teachers from whom you are requesting a recommendation: 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Parental Approval of Application*

My child has permission to apply to the Mass Communications Academy at Shaw High School.

**\*Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\* Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*The application packet will only be available to the Magnet Academy Admissions Committee.*

Magnet Coordinator:

Mrs. Kim White (706) 569-3638 White.Kimberly.S@muscogee.k12.ga.us

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**STUDENT / PARENT RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Please print student name)

***Administration reserves the right to remove a student during the school year in the event of inappropriate behavior.***

**THE STUDENT AND PARENT AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

The student will:

* Maintain a minimum average of 3.0 GPA in the Magnet Academy Courses
* Follow the Magnet Academy Course of Study
* Maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and remain on track for graduation with his/her original class
* Be financially responsible for the care and handling of all school and academy materials and equipment in school and/or on field assignments
* Complete a minimum of 20 community service hours each year
* Maintain 94% minimum attendance (11 days per year), no Loss of Credit letters, excessive absences or tardies
* Maintain exemplary behavior and abide by all MCSD and Shaw High School rules, policies and procedures. Students that cannot meet behavior standards will not be allowed to continue participation in the Academy. A suspension for drugs, alcohol, weapons or behavior warranting removal from Shaw naturally removes the student from the magnet program.
* Set a positive example for all Shaw High School students

***A student that fails to abide by any of the guidelines above will be removed from the Mass Communications Academy and returned to his/her home school attendance zone if applicable. Every effort will be made to communicate the status of the student to his/her parents prior to any changes.***

I understand the expectations and responsibilities as a student in the Mass Communications Academy at Shaw High School and the consequences if I fail to adhere to the guidelines.

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(Student Signature) (Date)

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(Parent Signature) (Date)

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION/EVALUATION

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|  | **Excellent** | **Good** | **Average** | **Below Average** | **Poor** | **No basis for judgment** |
| Academic aptitude |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Consideration of others |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Written communication |  |  |  |  |  |  |

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Print name of evaluator Title Date

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Community Service Hours

As leaders and role models, magnet students are expected to develop a strong work ethic and willingness to share their time and talents within the community. Therefore, members of the Mass Communication Academy must complete and document a minimum of 20 community service hours per year as noted below.

20 hours of community service by the end of the freshman year

40 hours (cumulative) of community service by the end of the sophomore year

60 hours (cumulative) of community service by the end of the junior year

80 hours (cumulative) of community service by spring break of their senior year

This is 20 hours of required community service per year. Any service hours above 20 per year do not roll over to the next year. A broad range of community service options will be acceptable. Students are not precluded from exceeding the minimum requirement. As long as these requirements are met, the student will be retained in the Academy program. Students who fail to turn in community service hours will be placed on immediate probation for one semester. Failure to resolve the issue is cause for removal from the magnet program.

**The required classes to complete this program are:**

**Introduction to Journalism** – Introduces students to journalistic type of writing skills and basic digital photography that will be required during this program and in all mass communications careers.

**Introduction to Digital Technology** – This class gives students a better understanding of computers, the computer industry, and jobs relating to this area.

**Digital Design** – Students will create and learn digital media applications using elements of text, graphics, animation, sound, video and digital imaging for various formats.

**AV Technology & Film I** – This class includes: fundamentals of videography, basic video technology, and other fundamentals required for the industry.

**AV Technology & Film II** – This continues from level the level one class.

**Plus** one of the following courses:

**AV Technology & Film III –** Advanced studies in the proscribed area of study.

**or**

**Web Design** – This class includes: web development, digital image editing, video conversion and formats, plus exposure to app development, HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript.

Other available courses if students wish more involvement: Yearbook, Newspaper, & Advanced Video Production.

Mission Statement

*The Mission of the Mass Communications Academy is to develop in young people the critical skills necessary to succeed in the world of mass communications and mass media through extensive coursework in journalism, social media, video production, web design and print media with an emphasis on students continuing to post-secondary education/training.*