MEN & WOMEN OF CHARACTER ORGANIZATION

Youth and Family Interest Form | 2026–2027

This is not the application. Complete this form so MWCO can invite you to an interest meeting, send you the application, and answer your questions.

At a Glance	
Who	Young men (Gents) and young women (Jewels) ages 15 to 18 in grades 10 through 12
When	November 2026 through June 2027, starting with orientation in November, then monthly Saturday sessions and spring rehearsals
What	Mentorship, workshops, a College Fair and Career Fair, 30 community service hours, an HBCU visit, a Rite of Passage ceremony, and awards
Culmination	The Inaugural Rooted & Rising Ball, Saturday, June 19, 2027
Cost	No fee to apply. $50 non-refundable registration fee if accepted; payment plans and waivers available

1 Youth Information

Information	Response
Full name and preferred name	
Age and date of birth	
Current grade and school	
Youth phone and email	

I am interested in joining as a: ☐ **Gent** ☐ **Jewel** ☐ **Prefer to discuss with MWCO**

Are you currently part of MWCO's B.O.L.D. or G.L.O.W. youth groups? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

2 Parent or Guardian Information

Information	Response
Parent or guardian name and relationship	
Phone	
Email	
Best way and time to reach you	

3 Interests

What interests you most about Gents & Jewels of Character? Check all that apply.

☐ Having a mentor	☐ Etiquette, speaking, and confidence
☐ Money, business, and entrepreneurship	☐ College and the HBCU visit
☐ Careers and skilled trades	☐ Black history and culture
☐ Community service	☐ Arts, music, and the line dance
☐ The Rite of Passage ceremony	☐ The Rooted & Rising Ball

4 Interest Meeting and Questions

Which would you like to attend?

☐ In-person youth and family interest meeting	☐ Virtual information session
☐ Please send the application; we cannot attend	☐ Please call me first

Does your family have questions about any of these?

☐ Schedule and time commitment	☐ Registration fee or payment plan	☐ Transportation
☐ Ball attire	☐ Academic expectations	☐ Accessibility or support needs

How did you hear about the program?

☐ School or counselor	☐ Church or faith community	☐ MWCO member or event
☐ Social media	☐ Friend or family	☐ Other: _____

Anything else you would like us to know or any questions?

5 Permission to Contact

I give MWCO permission to contact my family by phone, text, and email about Gents & Jewels of Character. Information on this form is kept confidential and used only for this program.

Parent or Guardian Signature	Printed Name	Date

Return this form to events@mwcorg.org with the subject line "Gents and Jewels Interest," or bring it to an interest meeting.