



Ben Carson

Conservative
activist
and retired
neurosurgeon
seeking GOP
presidential
nomination



■ **Born:** Sep 18, 1951, in Detroit.
Raised in poverty by single mother

■ **Education:** Overcomes violent
temper and low grades, eventually
winning scholarship to Yale. Goes on
to earn medical degree in 1977

■ **1978:** Begins residency at Johns
Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore

■ **1984:** Rises to position of head of
pediatric neurosurgery. Becomes
famous for groundbreaking work
separating conjoined twins

■ **2008:** Awarded Presidential Medal
of Freedom – top U.S. civilian honour

■ **2013:** Retires from neurosurgery.
Becomes active in politics, joining
Republican Party in 2014

■ **May 2015:** Launches bid for
Republican presidential nomination