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# National Honor Society Application Packet

## Mount Vernon High School



NAME:

HOME PHONE:

HOME ADDRESS:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

### Instructions:

- A. **IMPORTANT: Complete the box at the top of each page by filling in your FCPS student ID number.**
- B. Complete the section above with your name, phone, address and e-mail address.
- C. Complete pages 2 through 5 and obtain the necessary signatures where possible.
- D. Complete the essay requirement starting on page 7.
- E. Have two current or recent teachers complete a recommendation for you. That form is available for them on the V drive of the MVHS server. They **MUST** fill it in and send it directly via e-mail to Mr. Coast. List the names of these two teachers below.

Teachers who have agreed to write a recommendation for me:

1.

2

**This application is due no later than October 28, 2011.**

**Your answers must be typed.**

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**NHS Student Activity Information**

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Directions: Please complete all sections. **Do not be modest.** Every bit of information **will be used** by the Faculty Selection Committee to assist with the selection process. Answers should be thorough and thoughtful because the quality of your response is considered in the scoring process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection.

**Leadership**

List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in the school, community or work activities. Only include those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others. Examples may include but are not limited to: Elected student council officer, class or club officer, committee chair person, team captain, newspaper editor, or community leader.

Leadership Position	9	10	11	12	Accomplishments	Sponsor and Phone No.	Sponsor's Signature

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**School Service/Community Service**

List school and community services in which you have participated. These can be individual or group projects that have taken place either in or out of school. A service activity is one that you have carried out for the betterment of Mount Vernon High School or your community. No monetary or other compensation should have been accepted for this. Your activities should not include service for the betterment of your family members. Sustained service is looked on more favorably than one-time activities. Please note that the faculty selection committee considers service to Mount Vernon High School as a vital component for meeting the qualification of acceptance into NHS.

Examples may include but are not limited to: Tutoring, club service involvement, work with church groups, Boy or Girl Scouts, or community arts endeavors.

Please obtain the signature of an adult supervisor who can verify your participation in each activity, as well as a phone number for that person. If you can not provide a local phone number, an e-mail address will be acceptable.

School Service Activity	9	10	11	12	Accomplishments	Sponsor and Phone No.	Sponsor's Signature

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<b>Community Service Activity</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>	<b>Sponsor and Phone No.</b>	<b>Sponsor's Signature</b>

You do not **have** to have been active in sports or be employed in order to be accepted into NHS, however we understand the amount of time and dedication that a sport or work requires. This section is here simply to give the committee a sense of your time commitments.

<b>Sports/Work Activity</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Hours per week during season or employment</b>	<b>Sponsor and Phone No.</b>	<b>Sponsor's Signature</b>

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**Honors and Awards**

List below any honors, awards and recognitions you have earned that will support your application to the National Honor Society

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	

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There has been a lot of debate around the country about the value of homework assigned to students in high school. The following five statements represent commonly held beliefs and are taken from a recently published book, *Rethinking Homework*, by Cathy Vatterott:

Belief #1: The role of the school is to extend learning beyond the classroom.

Belief #2: Intellectual activity is intrinsically more valuable than nonintellectual activity.

Belief #3: Homework teaches responsibility.

Belief #4: Lots of homework is a sign of a rigorous curriculum.

Belief #5: Good teachers give homework; good students do their homework.

In your essay, discuss **your** views on **two** of these beliefs (starting on the next page).

(Note: Your essay will be judged on your personal views. Reading the book is not required and references to the text in the book are not expected).

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(see page 6 for instructions)

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