

Mother Mary Veronica Compassion through Service

A limited number of one-year grants are offered to incoming freshmen whose *involvement in activities that provide service* to their families, their schools and their communities shows evidence of a deep commitment to the values, especially compassion, that the Preston High School community seeks to promote in its students. To apply for this grant, **applicants must submit an application as well as a letter of recommendation.**

You will find the application packet attached to this letter. If you choose to apply for this scholarship, please follow these directions:

- Please ask your community service leaders (Girl Scout leader, church group leader, supervisor where you performed your community service, principal) to complete the form and write you a letter of recommendation. ***Your leader must mail the letter directly to Preston High School.*** They are not returned to you. The letters should describe your volunteer job and responsibilities as well as how often you provide this service.
- Using your best penmanship, please complete the Student Application form. Your essay must be handwritten. Staple your essay to the back of the Student Application form and mail it to:

Preston High School
ATTN: Recruitment & Development Office
Mother Mary Veronica Grant
2780 Schurz Avenue
Bronx NY 10465

Please note: The recommendation letter, the student application and the essay must all be received by Preston High School ***by Friday, December 3rd, 2021.*** Incomplete and/or late applications will **NOT** be considered.

We are excited about your interest in our school. We believe that Preston offers many opportunities for you to grow academically, socially and spiritually. The mission of PHS is to empower young women as they discover their own potential and value through a broad and challenging education, active participation in community and a commitment to Christian service, so that they may become compassionate leaders for change in the world. Our vision is to change the world around us through compassion.

Cristina Fragale
Senior Director of Recruitment & Development

Preston High School
Mother Mary Veronica Compassion through Service Award
Student Application Form

To be completed by student:

Student's Name:

Home Address:

Contact Number:

School Name:

School Address:

School Phone:

List activities, interest, hobbies, or sports in which you have been involved in the last two years. Please include any groups or clubs you belong to outside of school (ex. Girl Scouts, church groups, volunteer organizations).

Briefly describe your community service. Please be specific, include the name of the organization, name of supervisor, your responsibilities, the number of hours per week that you volunteered your help.

Tell us what you have learned by providing this service. Explain the benefits that others received as well as the benefit it provided to you. What did you learn? How has this experience changed you?

I certify the above information to be truthful, and I have completed this form and the attached essay without the assistance of others.

Student's Signature

Date:

Parent's Signature

Date:

Mother Mary Veronica Compassion through Service Award Essay

Instructions:

Write a minimum of 250 words on the topic described below. Must be handwritten and on loose leaf.

*Many junior high and high schools around the country now require students to spend a certain number of hours each term doing volunteer work or community service. Some people believe this is an excellent idea that promotes good citizenship and cultivates compassion. Others feel that forced volunteerism is not volunteerism at all. How do you feel about this issue? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position. **Be sure to discuss your service and what you have gained.** Use loose leaf and attach to application.*

Submit by December 3rd, 2021. Late applications will not be considered.

Checklist: Return with your application.

Application ()

Please complete the information below:

Name of Recommender and Title _____

Name of Organization _____

Contact Phone Number or email _____

Essay ()

***Mother Mary Veronica Compassion through Service Award
Recommendation Letter
Please return by mail to Preston High School
By December 3rd, 2021***

A limited number of one-year \$2500 grants, called the ***Mother Mary Veronica Compassion through Service Award***, are offered to incoming freshmen whose academic records may not qualify them for merit scholarships but whose *involvement in activities that provide service* to their families, their schools and their communities shows evidence of a deep commitment to the values, especially compassion, that the Preston High School community seeks to promote in its students.

The below named student is applying for the ***Mother Mary Veronica Compassion through Service Grant***. Please complete this form **and attach a letter of recommendation describing the service and hours completed by the student**. Return by mail on or before **December 3rd, 2021**. Late applications will not be considered.

Student Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Name of Recommender _____

Contact # _____

Please list the student's volunteer job description and responsibilities:

of hours provided _____ daily/weekly/monthly (circle one)

Thank you,

Grant Committee