

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for Freshman Admission



**Preston High School**  
Office of Recruitment and Development  
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Bronx, New York  
10465

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**Due Date: December 6, 2024**  
**Academic Scholarships are offered to those who meet the criteria *and* who have submitted an application**

Important Dates for Applicants

TACHS Registration ( <a href="http://www.tachsinfo.com">www.tachsinfo.com</a> or 866-618-2247)	Start Date: August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (Starting at 9 AM)
PHS TACHS Prep	September 14 <sup>th</sup> - October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (Saturdays Only: 9 AM – 12 PM)
Shadow Days*	October – December 2024
TACHS Deadline to request <i>and</i> submit documentation for extended time accommodations	October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
TACHS Internet and Phone Registration Deadline	October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Fall Open House	October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (prompt 6:30 PM start) November 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024 (11 AM to 2 PM)
TACHS Exam	November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
PHS Applications Due*	December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Mother Mary Veronica Due*	December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
TACHS Applicant Record Due	December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
Decision Letters Mailed	January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025 after 4 PM
Accepted Students Night	January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 6:30 PM
Registration Deadline	February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Enrollment Packet Deadline	March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
PHS Placement Test	March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

Legacy Grant

Students whose mother, grandmother, or legal guardian is a Preston graduate are eligible to receive a \$1,000 discount. The Legacy Discount cannot be combined with any other Preston-awarded grant, except the Sibling Grant.

Name of Mother/Grandmother/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Archdiocesan (ADNY) Employee Grant

Students whose parent or legal guardian is employed full-time by the New York Archdiocese are eligible to receive a \$1,000 grant. Proof of full-time employment in the ADNY must be submitted for the academic year. Proof is defined as an original letter on letterhead from the Principal, or the equivalent, and a copy of the most recent employee paystub. There is a limit of one (1) employee discount per qualifying household. The ADNY Employee Discount cannot be combined with any other grant, except the Sibling Grant.

Name of Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling Grant

Families with more than one daughter attending Preston during the same academic year are eligible to receive a \$750 grant for each additional sibling. The grant will be applied to the tuition account of the eldest sibling and will remain in effect until the withdrawal or graduation of the eldest sibling.

Sibling Information

Are any siblings currently attending Preston High School? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list name(s) and current grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any siblings who have graduated from Preston High School? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list name(s), their relationship to you, and graduation year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarships & Grants

### Academic Scholarship (merit-based)

Academic scholarships, full and partial, are awarded to an incoming student based upon her exemplary performance on the TACHS exam and middle school academic record.

- **Full Academic Scholarship:** Awarded to the top 3 highest scoring students on the TACHS exam
- **Partial Academic Scholarship:** Awarded to students who rank in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile and above

\*Student must select Preston High School as First or Second Choice on the TACHS Exam in order to be considered.

Both scholarships are four-year awards as long as the student maintains a minimum 90.00 GPA and tuition & fees remain current. Academic scholarships cannot be combined with any other Preston-awarded tuition grants, except the Sibling Grant.

Does your daughter receive a scholarship at her school? If so, what is the name of the scholarship and how much of the tuition does it cover? \_\_\_\_\_

### Mother Mary Veronica Grant (service-based)

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 show evidence of a deep commitment to the values, especially compassion, that the Preston High School community seeks to promote in its students. The MMV grant is \$1,000 per academic year and cannot be combined with any academic scholarship or tuition grant, except the Sibling Grant.

To qualify for the Mother Mary Veronica Grant, applicants must submit this **additional** essay and letter of recommendation:

- **Essay** (250-word minimum)  
Describe your community service and share what you have learned by providing this service. Explain the benefits that others received as well as the benefit provided to you. How has the experience changed you?
- **Letter of Recommendation**  
Please ask your community service supervisor/leader (Girl Scout leader, church group leader, supervisor where you performed your community service, principal) to write a letter of recommendation. The letter must be directly mailed to Preston High School.  
The letters should describe your volunteer job and responsibilities as well as how often you provide this service.

## Applicant Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Information

Applicant lives with:

☐ Both Parents ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Mother/Stepfather ☐ Father/Stepmother ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Language Spoken at Home \_\_\_\_\_

### Mother / Guardian

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the custodial parent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Father / Guardian

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the custodial parent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Please turn the page.*

Academic Information (to be completed by parent / guardian)

Current School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Address and Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Eighth Grade Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

What math class are you currently taking? \_\_\_\_\_

What foreign language are you currently taking? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any New York State Regents Exams you plan to take this year: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child ever repeated a grade, skipped a grade, or been accelerated in instruction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your child have a current SAP, IEP, 504 or been enrolled in a special education program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please include a copy.

If yes to either of these questions, please describe the circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child ever been expelled from school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your child ever been suspended? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your child ever been asked to withdraw? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your child ever been in trouble with the law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please use this area to elaborate: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Questionnaire (to be completed by the STUDENT, independent of parental support)

List the clubs, sports, and leadership roles you have been involved in at your elementary school within the past two years.

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\_\_\_\_\_

List the sports, activities, and community service you have participated in outside of school within the past two years.

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Student Questionnaire continued (to be completed by the STUDENT, independent of parental support)

Please choose one of these questions and then write a 250-500 response to it. Your response should be **typed in paragraph format** (including an introduction, body, and conclusion) and attached to this application.

1. Please tell us about your favorite book and character. Describe how you relate to the character.
2. At Preston, we are women of dignity, honor, respect and compassion. How can you apply these principals to your life?
3. Part of Preston’s mission is to empower young women to become compassionate leaders for change in the world. As a teenager, what global issue is of concern to you and how would you work to bring about a change?

Final Steps

Thank you for your interest in Preston High School.

- Please mail your completed application, along with the student’s hand-written response on loose-leaf, to the Office of Recruitment and Development. **All applications are due to the Office of Recruitment and Development by December 6, 2024.**
- Please ensure that Preston High School receives your daughter’s TACHS scores by putting **our code (#219)** as a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice on her admit card.
- Please ensure that Preston High School receives your daughter’s applicant record which notes her 6th, 7th, and 8th grade academic, disciplinary, and attendance record. For Catholic elementary schools, this applicant record is sent automatically by her current school. If your daughter attends public school, you will need to download a copy of the applicant record from the TACHS official website at [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com) and have her school complete it.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Recruitment and Development at 718-863-9134, ext. 131 or 132.
- Your signature on this application verifies that the enclosed information is correct and true. Providing false or untrue information will be grounds for dismissal. If joint custody, both parent’s signatures are required.

Student / Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mother / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_