

ADMISSION APPLICATION TO MOUNT ALVERNIA HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 7 - 12

790 Centre Street

Newton, Massachusetts 02458

(617) 969-2260

(617) 969-4246 (fax)

<http://www.mountalverniahs.org>



Academic Year *2009-2010*

Complete the application, obtain all required supporting documents, and send parts 1, 2 and 3 along with the \$40.00 application fee to the above address "Attention: Admissions Committee." Priority will be given to applications received by noon on January 6, 2009. In parts 4a, 4b, 4c and 4d, fill in your name and grade for admission before submitting the forms to your recommending teachers and principal or guidance counselor. Please forward release form to your student's current school also.

**RECOMMENDING TEACHERS AND PRINCIPAL OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
MUST SEND THE CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTLY TO
MOUNT ALVERNIA HIGH SCHOOL. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO COMPLETE
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY NOON ON JANUARY 6, 2009.**

Mount Alvernia High School admits students of any race, color, creed, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available at the school and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies scholarship and loan programs, and in the hiring of school personnel.

APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

The following information and Application Process Checklist on the inside back cover are designed to assist you in completing the application process for Mount Alvernia High School. They provide dates for the entrance examination, application deadline, and follow-up dates. Please retain this folder and use the checklist to indicate that you have completed each step in the application process and have met all deadlines.

We strongly encourage you, as parents, to become an integral part of this process so that you may assist your daughter in meeting these important deadlines! Please use the check boxes below and indicate the date that you fulfilled a specific application requirement. **Be sure to keep a photocopy of the entire completed application and all supporting documents for your records.** If at any time you have questions regarding the process, please feel free to contact the admissions office at (617) 969-2260 x46.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 7 AND 8

- Completed application (Part 1)
- \$40.00 application fee** (please make check payable to Mount Alvernia High School)
- Parent evaluation form (Part 2)
- Student essay form (Part 3)
- Recommendation from middle school English teacher (Part 4a)
- Recommendation from middle school math teacher (Part 4b)
- Recommendation from middle school language teacher (if applicable) (Part 4c)
- Recommendation from middle school principal or guidance counselor (Part 4d)
- Middle school transcript (attached to Part 4d)
- Applicant's score on the entrance examination administered by Mount Alvernia High School*
- Personal interview with a member of the Admissions Committee

***On Saturday, November 15, 2008**, Mount Alvernia High School will administer an **entrance examination for applicants to Grades 7, 8 and 9**. **On Saturday, December 6, 2008**, Mount Alvernia High School will administer an **entrance examination** for applicants to **Grades 7 and 8**. Registration for the exam is conducted through the admissions office during the months of October and November and at the open house on November 2, 2008. The required exam fee of \$35 and a registration form must be completed before the day of the exam. Please make checks payable to Mount Alvernia High School.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADE 9 [PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE CURRENT EIGHTH GRADE, THERE WILL BE LIMITED OPENINGS FOR GRADE 9 APPLICANTS.]

- Completed application (Part 1)
- \$40.00 application fee** (please make check payable to Mount Alvernia High School)
- Parent evaluation form (Part 2)
- Student essay form (Part 3)
- Recommendation from middle school English teacher (Part 4a)
- Recommendation from middle school math teacher (Part 4b)
- Recommendation from middle school language teacher (Part 4c)
- Recommendation from middle school principal or guidance counselor (Part 4d)
- Middle school transcript (attached to Part 4d)
- Applicant's score on the Archdiocesan High School Entrance Examination**
- Personal interview with a member of the Admissions Committee

****On Saturday, November 15, 2008 and Saturday, December 13, 2008** the Archdiocesan High School Entrance Examination will be administered in most Catholic high schools. Registration for the exam is conducted through the participating Catholic high schools during the months of October and November and at our open house on November 2, 2008. The required exam fee of \$25 and a registration form must be completed at the school where the student intends to take the examination. Applicants to Grade 9 at Mount Alvernia High School need not take the exam here but must be sure to have the exam results sent here. The student may indicate on the registration form up to five schools to which her exam results will be sent.

APPLICANTS TO GRADE 9 MUST HAVE COMPLETED COURSES IN ALGEBRA I, PHYSICAL SCIENCE, AND EITHER SPANISH I OR FRENCH I IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION.

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS APPLICATION

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Application for Admission
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

Full Name _____ Nickname _____

Grade for Admission _____ Social Security Number (optional) _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (with area code) _____

Religion _____ Parish or Place of Worship _____ Place of Worship City _____

Present School _____

School Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Other Schools Attended in the Last Three Years:

<i>School</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Mother's Full Name _____ If deceased, when? _____

Address (if different from applicant) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Employer _____

Work Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Father's Full Name _____ If deceased, when? _____

Address (if different from applicant) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Father's Occupation _____ Employer _____

Work Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Other Children in Family: (please complete this section – indicate none if only child)

Name

Age

School or College Attending

Is the prospective student related to any graduates or current Mount Alvernia High School students? __ Yes __ No
If yes, please complete the following:

Name

Relationship

Year of Graduation

Have you previously applied to Mount Alvernia High School? __ Yes __ No If so when? _____

Are you an international student seeking an I-20 form? _____ Yes _____ No

Parents' Marital Status:

Married Separated Divorced Widow/Widower

Mother Remarried--Stepfather's Name _____

Father Remarried--Stepmother's Name _____

Guardian Information, if applicable:

Guardian's Full Name _____ Relationship to Student _____

Address (if different from applicant) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Mobile Phone _____ Place of Employment _____ Work Telephone _____

Please return the completed application along with a \$40.00 nonrefundable application fee to the Admissions Office by noon on January 6, 2009. Please make checks payable to Mount Alvernia High School.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach a recent photograph of applicant.

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO SEPARATED OR DIVORCED PARENTS ONLY:

****Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c. 71 §34H, a state law that regulates the process by which schools provide student records to parents who do not have physical custody of their children ("non-custodial parents"), please indicate which parent has physical custody of the student: _____ Father _____ Mother _____ Both**

If you require more information, please contact the school principal.

- 5. Please describe your daughter's relationship with her family.

- 6. What do you see as your daughter's particular strengths and weaknesses?

- 7. Are there aspects of your daughter's personal, spiritual, physical, or emotional life which you would like to see strengthened during her years at Mount Alvernia?

- 8. Please describe any community service your daughter has participated in, including service performed as a family, during the last two years.

- 9. Please explain any circumstances by which your daughter received attention from a physician, educational psychologist, counselor, etc. Educational testing, such as the WISC-R and other evaluations, often provides the admissions committee with relevant information. Though sensitive, this information deserves your candor so that we might better serve your daughter.

- 10. Is there any other information that you wish to have considered by the admissions committee?

Parent Name _____ Parent Name _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____

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Student Essay Form
Grades 7 and 8

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT TO GRADES 7 AND 8

Please write your answers to the following questions using the space provided. Please do not attach additional sheets.

Applicant's Name _____ Grade for Admission _____

Address _____

1. Describe a goal that you have set for yourself to be accomplished during the year ahead.

2. Write a short essay using the phrase below as your beginning.

The hardest decision I ever made was _____

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Student Essay Form
Grades 9-12

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT TO GRADES 9-12

Please write your answers to the following questions using the space provided. Please do not attach additional sheets for #1-3.

Applicant's Name _____ Grade for Admission _____

Address _____

- 1. Books and films introduce us to many wonderful characters. Discuss a female character you have come to know through a book or film. Which of her qualities do you most admire?

- 2. What qualities, talents, or experiences could you share with the Mount Alvernia High School community?

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English Recommendation
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Applicant’s Name _____ Grade for Admission _____

Address _____

Teacher’s Name _____ Position _____

Course Title _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Name of School _____

School Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

1. Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas.

Subject	Skill	Performance Below Grade Level	Performance Consistent With Grade Level	Performance Above Grade Level
VOCABULARY	Oral			
	Written			
READING	Speed			
	Accuracy			
	Capacity for drawing appropriate inferences			
	Ability to move from literal to figurative interpretations			
WRITING	Sentence structure			
	Clarity of style			
	Ability to organize ideas in a logical sequence			
	Spelling			
	Punctuation			

2. Please discuss the student’s overall performance in relation to her ability.

3. Describe the student’s class participation and her working relationship with other students.

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Math Recommendation
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Applicant's Name _____ Grade for Admission _____

Address _____

Teacher's Name _____ Position _____

Course Title _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Name of School _____

School Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

1. Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas.

Skill	Performance Below Grade Level	Performance Consistent With Grade Level	Performance Above Grade Level
Addition			
Subtraction			
Multiplication			
Division			
Decimals			
Integers			
Positive/Negative Numbers			
Fractions			

2. **(FOR APPLICANTS TO GRADES 9 & 10 ONLY)**

Will the student complete a course in Algebra I through the quadratic formula by the end of this school year?

3. Does the student grasp mathematical concepts easily?

4. How do you rate the student's promise for continued success in math?

5. Does the student make good use of class time?

6. Does the student complete her assignments regularly and completely?

7. Does the student's achievement match her aptitude? If not, are there reasons for the discrepancy?

8. How would this student function in a competitive, college preparatory classroom?

9. Please rate the student in relation to other students in her age group.

Quality	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Insufficient Evidence
Academic potential					
Study habits					
Organizational ability					
Promptness					
Self-discipline					
Seriousness of purpose					
Initiative					
Curiosity					
Originality					
Creativity					
Perseverance under pressure					
Reaction to criticism					
Classroom conduct					
OVERALL ACADEMIC RATING					
Concern for others					
Ability to adjust					
Leadership potential					
Common sense					
Maturity					
Emotional stability					
Dependability					
Honesty					
Sense of humor					
Personal integrity					
Enthusiasm					
OVERALL CHARACTER RATING					

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World Language Recommendation
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Applicant's Name _____ Grade for Admission _____

Address _____

Teacher's Name _____ Position _____

Course Title _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Name of School _____

School Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

BY THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR THE STUDENT WILL HAVE COMPLETED

World language(s) studied: French ____ Spanish ____ Latin ____ Other _____

Number of years studied: French ____ Spanish ____ Latin ____ Other _____

Number of classes per week: French ____ Spanish ____ Latin ____ Other _____

Please check box if language is not studied at all and return form with information at the top of the page completed

1. Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas.

Subject	Skill	Performance Below Grade Level	Performance Consistent With Grade Level	Performance Above Grade Level
VOCABULARY	Oral			
	Written			
READING	Speed			
	Accuracy			
	Comprehension			
WRITING	Pronunciation			
	Sentence structure			
	Clarity of style			
	Ability to organize ideas in a logical sequence			
	Spelling			
	Punctuation			

2. Please discuss the student's overall performance in relation to her ability. Does she engage with the language material?

3. Describe the student's class participation and her working relationship with other students.

4. Describe the ways in which the student is able to work independently.

5. Does the student complete her assignments regularly and completely?

6. How would this student function in a competitive, college preparatory classroom?

7. Please rate the student in relation to other students in her age group.

Quality	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Insufficient Evidence
Academic potential					
Study habits					
Organizational ability					
Promptness					
Self-discipline					
Seriousness of purpose					
Initiative					
Curiosity					
Originality					
Creativity					
Perseverance under pressure					
Reaction to criticism					
Classroom conduct					
OVERALL ACADEMIC RATING					
Concern for others					
Ability to adjust					
Leadership potential					
Common sense					
Maturity					
Emotional stability					
Dependability					
Honesty					
Sense of humor					
Personal integrity					
Enthusiasm					
OVERALL CHARACTER RATING					

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Principal or Guidance Counselor Recommendation
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Applicant's Name _____ Grade for Admission _____

Address _____

Your Name _____ Position _____

Name of School _____

School Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____

Date Student Entered _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

1. Please rate the student in relation to other students in her age group. Circle your evaluation in each area.

<i>Quality</i>	<i>(Low)</i>		<i>(Average)</i>		<i>(High)</i>
Academic potential	1	2	3	4	5
Academic drive or determination	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5
Conduct	1	2	3	4	5
Respect accorded by faculty	1	2	3	4	5
Respect accorded by peers	1	2	3	4	5

2. Are you aware of any special talents or abilities this applicant possesses?



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PERMISSION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS

Parent(s) or guardian(s) must complete this form and submit it to the applicant's current school for the release of school records, including grades from the first marking period of the current school year.

TO:

Applicant's Present School_____

School address_____

City, State, Zip_____ Telephone_____

RE:

Applicant's Name_____

Current Grade_____ Birthdate_____

I give my permission for you to release all of my daughter's school records, including teachers' reports, test data, and any other pertinent information, to Mount Alvernia High School, Attention: Admissions Committee. Please send a copy of my daughter's final transcript to Mount Alvernia High School in June.

Name of Parent or Guardian_____

Signature of Parent or Guardian_____

Date_____ Telephone_____

APPLICATION PROCESS CHECKLIST

- Attend our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 2, 2008, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.** There will be tours of the school and an opportunity to meet the students, faculty, and parents. *We encourage all prospective applicants and their parents to attend this important event!*
- Pick up an information packet at the Open House if you have not already done so.** The packet contains an application, permission for release of records form, and an academic catalogue.
- Register for the entrance examination at the Open House and take the exam on Saturday, November 15, 2008 (grades 7, 8 and 9) or Saturday, December 6, 2008 (grades 7 and 8), from 8:15 a.m. to 12 noon.** Registering for and taking the entrance examination does not automatically mean that a student has completed the application process. This step only fulfills the entrance examination requirement of the application process. *The test fee is \$35.00 for grades 7 and 8 and \$25.00 for grade 9.*
- Complete the application, obtain all supporting documents, and send the entire application package along with a check for \$40.00 (application fee) to Mount Alvernia High School, Attention: Admissions Committee.** Priority will be given to applications received by noon on January 6, 2009. Recommendation forms from English, math, world language teachers, and the principal or guidance counselor must be sent directly from them to Mount Alvernia High School. Priority will be given to complete applications received by January 6, 2009.
- Applicants to Grades 7 and 8 will be notified by letter for an interview only if the complete application package is received in the school office.** Priority for interviews will be given to complete application packages received by noon on January 6, 2009. The interview letters will be mailed on January 29, 2009.
- Applicants to Grades 7 and 8 who have completed the application process will be informed by letter of the admissions committee's decision; the letters will be mailed on February 27, 2009.**
- All registration forms and nonrefundable seat deposits for Grades 7 and 8 must be received in the Mount Alvernia High School office no later than noon on Monday, March 24, 2009.** If we do not receive a student's registration form and seat deposit by that date and time, we will contact students whose names are on the waiting list.
- Applicants to Grade 9 will be notified by letter mailed on January 13, 2009 for an interview only if seating is available and the complete application package is received in the school office by noon on January 6, 2009.** Applicants to Grade 9 who have completed the application process will be informed by letter of the admissions committee's decision. The letters will be mailed on February 3, 2009. If a student has not completed the process and had an interview, she will not receive a letter.
- All registration forms and nonrefundable seat deposits for Grade 9 must be received in the Mount Alvernia High School office no later than noon on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.** If we do not receive a student's registration form and seat deposit by that date and time, we will contact students whose names are on the waiting list.
- Students who have been accepted to Grades 7 and 8 and their parents will be invited to attend the Accepted Students Night on Wednesday, March 4, 2009.** This meeting will give them an opportunity to receive an overview of the academic program, speak with current students, and register for the upcoming academic year.
- All incoming students and their parents will be invited to attend the Incoming Students Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2009.** At this time students will be measured for uniforms; receive testing results, summer reading assignments, and book lists; and have a brief orientation to the school.

Directions to Mount Alvernia High School **790 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458**

Mount Alvernia High School is accessible by both automobile and public transportation. If directions from your town are not shown below, please call the school at (617) 969-2260.

By Major Highways

From Mass Turnpike Eastbound: Take Exit 17 Newton. Take right at first set of lights, Centre Street, and go through two sets of lights. The school entrance is on the left shortly after the second set of lights.

From Mass Turnpike Westbound: Take Exit 17 Newton. Follow flow of traffic, hugging the Sheraton Tara Hotel and the Mass Turnpike. Cross over the turnpike, take right at first set of lights, Centre Street, and go through two sets of lights. The school entrance is on the left shortly after the second set of lights.

From 128 North or South: Take Mass Turnpike Eastbound (see above) or Exit 19A Highland Avenue/Newton Highlands. Follow Highland Avenue (toward Newton), which turns into Needham Street, to Centre Street. Go through Newton Center. Cross Beacon Street and Commonwealth Avenue. Go through one set of lights. Mount Alvernia is on the right.

By Public Transportation

From Allston/Brighton, Belmont, Waltham, or Watertown: At Watertown Square take Bus #52 Newton Centre to the entrance of the school.

From Boston: At the corner of Summer Street and Otis Street take Express Bus #304 to Newton Corner. Change to Bus #52 to the entrance of the school; **OR** from Park Street Station take the Green Line (D line-Riverside) to Newton Centre. Take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school.

From Brookline: Take the D line outbound to Newton Centre. Take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school.

From Cambridge: Take Watertown bus from Harvard Square. At Watertown Square take Bus #52 Newton Centre to the entrance of the school.

From Dedham: Take the Manor Bus to Spring Street Cafe in West Roxbury. Take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school; **OR** from the Dedham Mall take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school.

From East Boston and Revere: Take the Blue Line to Government Center, then switch to the Green Line outbound (D Line-Riverside) to Newton Centre. Take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school; **OR** take Express Bus #304 from downtown Boston to Newton Corner. Take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school.

From Forest Hills Station: Take any bus that travels along Centre Street in West Roxbury. At the Dunkin' Donuts on Centre and Baker Streets in West Roxbury, change to Bus #52 to the entrance of the school.

From Framingham: Take the 7:00 a.m. Commuter Train to Newtonville. Take Bus #53 or #54 to Newton Corner. Take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school. Take 5:00 p.m. Commuter Train to Framingham.

From Hyde Park/Roslindale: Take Bus #50 Cleary Square or Bus #32 Walcott Square to Forest Hills Station. Follow directions from Forest Hills Station above.

From Norwood: At Norwood Center take East Walpole bus to the Dedham Mall. Take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school.

From West Roxbury: At Spring Street Cafe, at Dunkin' Donuts (Centre and Baker Streets), or at Vermont and Baker Streets, take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school.

From Westwood: Go to the Dedham Mall or Spring Street Cafe in West Roxbury and take Bus #52 to the entrance of the school.