

## Master Checklist for the NOVA Honors Program Scholarship

### Scholarship Eligibility and Consideration Requirements for the Student

The application **MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED BY DEC. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013** to be considered. In addition, the application packet must include

- documentation of a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.7 **OR** documentation of a combined score of at least 1200 out of 1600 on the SAT Critical Reading and Math sections or at least 1800 out of 2400 with a score of at least 600 on each section,
- two letters of recommendation from high school faculty and/or staff, and
- a 500 word personal statement which clearly addresses the prompt, including statements speaking to leadership experience within the community.

### Candidate Selection and Application Submission for the High School Administrator

Each high school may endorse applications from a maximum of two students to be considered for the scholarship.

Applicants should

- satisfy the academic requirements,
- best represent YOUR high school and its unique strengths,
- have experiences and can speak to service within their community,
- get the most out of this unique opportunity, and
- be capable of fulfilling the requirements for completion of the NOVA Honors Core Curriculum.

High school administrators should

- submit all application materials electronically to Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, NOVA Honors Scholarship Coordinator: [pfitzgerald@nvcc.edu](mailto:pfitzgerald@nvcc.edu) by no later than Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- write "Honors Scholarship Application" and the name of the student in the subject line.
- Electronic submission is strongly preferred. Address any mailed documents to Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, Attn: Honors Scholarship, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003.

Submissions will only be accepted from the high school administrator or counselor.

### Award Selection for the NOVA Honors Selection Committee

A total of 20 students will be selected for the 2014–2015 academic year. Only students for whom high school personnel submitted complete application packets will be considered. Scholarship recipients will be selected based upon

- intellectual merit,
- compatibility with the stated mission and focus of NOVA Honors, and
- a 500-word essay that is well written and addresses the four components of the NOVA Honors Program: Leadership, Enrichment, Academic Rigor, and Research.
- If more than 20 candidates stand out, selection may be based on 1) quantitative metrics, such as GPA or SAT scores, 2) the rhetorical quality of the personal statement, or 3) the perceived degree of compatibility with the focus of the NOVA Honors Program.

Before receiving the scholarship award, applicants must place into credit courses (non-developmental) on the Math and English placement tests or by presenting official documentation of AP, IB or Cambridge scores that would make the students eligible for credit at NOVA.