

Northwest High School

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Application Instructions Ulysses Signature Program Class of 2015

1. Obtain an application packet from your middle school counselor, the Northwest High School website, the Northwest High School counseling office, or Dr. Borenzweig (suzanne_r_borenzweig@mcpsmd.org).
2. Give the **Teacher Recommendation Form** to your current English, social studies, or science teacher. Your teacher will submit the completed recommendation form directly to the Ulysses Signature Program office.
3. Complete the **Ulysses Application for Admission**.
4. Complete one **Essay Question**.
5. Return the **Ulysses Application with Essay Question** to the Ulysses Signature Program office by Friday, February 11, 2011. Current MCPS students should attach the Ulysses application form and essay question to their registration cards.
6. All Ulysses application materials must be mailed by February 11, 2011. Emailed/faxed applications will **not** be accepted :

Dr. Suzanne Borenzweig, Coordinator
Ulysses Signature Program
Northwest High School
13501 Richter Farm Road
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301-353-8245

**ULYSSES SIGNATURE PROGRAM
NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
Application for Admission
2011-2012**

Student name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

ID# _____ Current School _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Work Phone# _____ Cell Phone# _____

Father's Name: _____

Work Phone# _____ Cell Phone# _____

The following questions must be completed by the applicant. Applicants may respond in the spaces provided or attach a separate sheet.

1. Why did you choose to apply to the Ulysses Signature Program?

2. What are your education/career goals after graduation from high school?

3. How do you spend your free time?

*Attach this application form to your **essay** and registration card. Return information to your middle school by the due date or mail to Dr. Suzanne Borenzweig, Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown, MD 20874. (Faxes/emails will **not** be accepted.) **DEADLINE: February 11, 2011***

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Essay Question

Ulysses Signature Program Admissions Application Class of 2015

What makes you a good candidate for the Ulysses Signature Program? Ulysses seniors spend a semester conducting independent research and producing written, visual, and oral presentations about a topic of choice. We are looking for students who are motivated to learn, have passionate interests, and are curious about the world. We would like to know more about you, what you care about, and what peaks your curiosity.

Please help us get to know you by writing an **essay** that addresses **ONE** set of the following questions. Your essay should be **typed** in Times New Roman 12 point font, double spaced, and 350-500 words long. Be descriptive, detailed, and specific; tell a story if that helps to illustrate your point.

QUESTION ONE

What is a **passion** of yours? Why is it important to you? How did you develop this interest? How do you pursue it? What more might you do to develop your passion?

QUESTION TWO

What was a **project** of yours that was especially meaningful to you? What made it so? If you could continue this project, how would you improve or expand it?

QUESTION THREE

What is something you are **curious** about? What have you already learned, and what more would you like to learn? Where has this curiosity led you? Where do you think this curiosity may lead you in the future?

**Teacher Recommendation Form
Ulysses Signature Program
Northwest High School**

Student Name _____

MCPS Identification Number (if applicable) _____

Please give this recommendation form to your current English, social studies, **or** science teacher to fill out on your behalf. Your teacher will submit the completed form to NWHS.

To be completed by teacher* (please use blue/black ink)

*When the form is completed, please pony it, fax it, OR mail it directly to
**Dr. Suzanne Borenzweig, Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Road,
Germantown, MD 20874. Fax # 301-601-4662.**

Please use the following rating scale in completing each of the descriptors for this student. Consider the student with reference to the expectations of the Ulysses Signature Program (see attached).

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| <p>5 – Exhibits this trait to an exceptional degree</p> <p>4 - Exhibits this trait consistently</p> <p>3 - Exhibits this trait frequently</p> | <p>2 - Exhibits this trait occasionally</p> <p>1 – Exhibits this trait rarely</p> <p>0 - N/A</p> |
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Trait	Rating	Score
Demonstrates higher order thinking skills	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Seeks intellectual challenges	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Is sensitive to deadlines	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Works well in group settings	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Works well independently	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Demonstrates initiative and intellectual curiosity	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Can see past immediate reward to long-term goals	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Is an intellectual risk-taker	5 4 3 2 1 0	
Self-reflective	5 4 3 2 1 0	
	Total Score	

1. Do you have any reason to be concerned about this student’s academic integrity?
 _____ No _____ Yes (if yes, please explain on back)

2. I recommend this student
 _____ with reservation _____ fairly strongly _____ strongly _____ enthusiastically
3. Additional comments (very important!). Attach additional page if necessary.

Person completing form _____
 School _____
 E-Mail _____
 Course Title _____ Grade Level _____
 Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

Recommendations must be received by February 11, 2011

**Teacher Recommendation Form
Northwest High School
Ulysses Signature Program Guidelines**

To apply* to the Ulysses Signature Program, students must be:

1. Incoming ninth graders to NWHS
2. Recommended for the following three honors courses at the time of initial registration: English 9, US History, and Biology or Physics
3. Recommended by an eighth grade English, history, or science teacher (form required)
4. Reading on or above grade level
5. Writing on or above grade level
6. In good academic, attendance, and behavioral standing in middle school
7. Able to work independently in class
8. Able to work in cooperative groups in class
9. Able to complete homework, assignments, and projects in a satisfactory and timely manner
10. Interested in research, presentation, and completing independent and group projects, including the Senior Ulysses Project
11. Committed to a four-year program

*Application includes application form, teacher recommendation, and essay

To remain** in the Ulysses Signature Program, students must:

1. Maintain a grade point average of at least 2.75 in all Ulysses subject-area classes
2. Maintain exemplary attendance, punctuality, and behavioral records
3. Complete all coursework—including homework, reading, and projects—in a timely and satisfactory manner
4. Demonstrate academic integrity at all times, on all assignments
5. Apply lessons learned across the Ulysses subject areas: English, Social Studies, and Science
6. Take the initiative to seek assistance from teachers as needed
7. Be recommended by Ulysses teachers to continue to the next grade level of Ulysses classes

**Once a student leaves the Ulysses Signature Program, s/he will not be re-admitted.

If you have questions about the teacher recommendation form, please contact
Dr. Suzanne Borenzweig Ulysses Signature Program Coordinator
E-Mail: Suzanne_R_Borenzweig@mcpsmd.org
Phone: 301-353-8245

Please Note: Teacher recommendation forms should be sent directly from the teacher to Dr. Borenzweig at Northwest High School.