

**Sample Resume for High School Students**

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**Education** Highland Park Senior High, class of 2008 (3.8 GPA)

**Experience**

St. Paul Public Library—University Branch (June 2005–present)

- Maintained library database on checked-out materials.
- Coordinated volunteer program for Story Time.
- Organized card catalog to incorporate new materials.

National Honor Society (2003–present)  
Participated in several volunteer activities, including: building a house for Habitat for Humanity (50 hours), collecting food for the St. Paul Food Shelf (80 hours), and organizing the Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

**Activities**

- National Honor Society (2003–present)
- French Club (2002–present)
- Cross Country (2002–present)
- Piano lessons (10 years)

**Awards**

- A Honor Roll, 8 quarters
- Outstanding French Student, 2004
- Volunteer of the Year, 2005

**References**  
Available upon request.

**Contact Information:** should be at the top of your resume—include name, address, phone number, and e-mail (if you have it). Separate it out by centering it and making it bold. If you have a college address separate from a home address, use both.

**Education:** include graduation date and GPA if it is 3.0 or higher.

**Formatting Experiences:** (2 options)

1. Heading line (include title and dates) followed by bulleted list—see Work Experience as example.
2. Heading line (include title and date) followed by narrative list—see Volunteer Experience as example.

**Writing About Experiences**  
Regardless of style, begin each phrase/sentence/ bullet with an active verb. See the examples to the left: maintained, coordinated, organized, participated...see back of page for more examples.

**Headings** The expected headings would be: education, experience (work or volunteer), but the others are up to you. Use the ones that work best. Other possibilities: skills, additional experience, related experience, leadership experience, research experience, writing experience, computer experience, objectives, leadership, related coursework, work experience, volunteer experience, anything that fits your particular qualities.

**General Formatting** You should have 1 inch margins, major headings (like "Education") on the left, then indent with additional information below—for example, notice how National Honor Society is lined up below St. Paul Public Library. Use a traditional font (New York, Arial, just not cursive...) at 12 point size. It should all fit on one page. Remember, it needs to be easy to read—keep it simple and organized!

- Other things to remember:
- proofread, proofread, proofread!
  - Check for punctuation and spelling.
  - Check for format and style consistency.
  - Show your resume to a friend.
  - Use resume weight paper (available in copy centers).
  - Pick a light, neutral color, like white or ivory.
  - Laser print it or have it done at the copy center.
  - Get matching envelopes and paper for cover letters.



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**Action Verbs:** Read the list of action verbs below, checking those skills you have demonstrated through internships, part-time or summer jobs, coursework, leadership experience, or community service. Try to incorporate some of these action verbs in the descriptions of your experiences on your resume. This is by no means an exhaustive list.

**Management Skills**

administered  
analyzed  
assigned  
chaired  
consolidated  
contracted  
coordinated  
developed  
directed  
evaluated  
executed  
improved  
increased  
organized  
oversaw  
planned  
prioritized  
produced  
recommended  
reviewed  
scheduled  
strengthened  
supervised.

**Communication Skills**

arranged  
authored  
collaborated  
convinced  
developed  
directed  
drafted/edited  
formulated  
interpreted  
mediated  
moderated  
negotiated  
persuaded  
promoted  
publicized  
reconciled  
recruited  
translated  
wrote

**Research Skills**

clarified  
collected  
critiqued  
diagnosed  
evaluated  
examined  
extracted  
identified  
inspected  
interpreted  
interviewed  
investigated  
organized  
reviewed  
summarized  
surveyed

**Technical Skills**

assembled  
built/calculated  
computed  
designed  
devised  
engineered  
fabricated  
maintained  
operated  
overhauled  
programmed  
remodeled  
repaired  
solved  
upgraded

**Teaching Skills**

adapted  
advised  
clarified  
coached  
communicated  
coordinated  
demystified  
developed

enabled  
encouraged  
evaluated  
explained  
facilitated  
guided  
informed  
instructed  
persuaded  
set goals  
stimulated  
trained

**Financial Skills**

allocated  
analyzed  
appraised  
audited  
balanced  
budgeted  
calculated  
computed  
developed  
forecasted  
managed  
marketed  
projected  
researched

**Creative Skills**

acted  
created  
customized  
designed  
developed  
directed  
established  
founded  
illustrated  
initiated  
instituted  
integrated  
introduced  
invented

originated  
performed  
planned  
revitalized  
shaped

**Helping Skills**

assessed  
assisted  
clarified  
coached  
counseled  
demonstrated  
diagnosed  
educated  
expedited  
facilitated  
familiarized  
guided  
motivated  
referred  
rehabilitated  
represented

**Clerical or Detail Skills**

approved  
arranged  
catalogued  
classified  
collected  
compiled  
dispatched  
executed  
generated  
implemented  
inspected  
monitored  
operated  
organized  
prepared  
processes  
purchased  
recorded