



The Miami Herald Silver Knight Awards is one of the nation's most highly regarded student awards programs. The purpose of the Silver Knight Awards program is to recognize outstanding students who have not only maintained good grades but have also unselfishly applied their special knowledge and talents to serving their schools and communities. If you feel you have what it takes to become a Silver Knight, you must apply through your school's Silver Knight Coordinator.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete this entry form in its entirety. If you have any questions on how to complete this entry form, visit the Silver Knight website or make an appointment to see your school's Silver Knight Coordinator. The sections noted with Points Earned are for judges to complete during the application process—please do not write in these areas.
2. As a part of the competition process, you must appear in person for an interview with the Silver Knight judges on the specified day. Missing this interview will disqualify your application.
3. Answer all questions using only the space provided. List your most important achievements and service contributions; a short summary of top achievements and service contributions; a short summary of top achievements if often better than a long list of lesser ones. You must provide a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 pages (front side only) of support documents (i.e. letters, awards, news clippings, photographs) that can be used to explain and document achievements and service. In addition, General Scholarship applicants must also submit official high school transcripts as detailed in item 4 below.
4. Nominees in the General Scholarship category must also include their official high school transcript and test scores such as SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement exams (other category nominees are exempt from this requirement). Your updated transcript with first semester grades for the 12th grade can be provided to judges at the interview. All nominees are encouraged to list, under achievements, any significant test scores.
5. Application will not be processed without the following forms: Certification and Faculty Recommendation and Major Project Description Letter. The Faculty Recommendation letter must be submitted on your school's letterhead, making sure to include the date, faculty person's name (printed), signature and title or position. The Major Project Description letter must be submitted on the organization's letterhead (see page 5 for all details). Please be sure to review all the required documents with your Silver Knight Coordinator.
6. Community service must be documented. Do not submit your actual award certificates; instead make copies. Art nominees are required to bring portfolios or other self sustained samples to the interview. Music and Digital Interactive Media nominees are encouraged to bring portfolios or other self sustained samples to the interview. Please remember that the interview with the judges is approximately 10 – 15 minutes in length; we recommend you use only 3 - 5 minutes of that time to show your work.
7. A photograph, submitted in jpeg format and with a required 300 dpi, will be placed in the program book. Submit a head – and – shoulder photo only, no other formats will be accepted. Follow instructions on the left navigation bar to upload photo (senior photos are recommended). Please note: all information and/or materials received with this application will become the property of The Miami Herald Media Company and will not be returned. All materials may also be used for publication purposes.
8. All students considered for nominations must have a minimum 3.2 GPA (unweighted).
9. Submit (1) original application and (4) backup copies for total of (5) applications. A copy of the transcript should be included in the (4) backup copies. Applications should include all signatures and supporting documents plus (4) copies of the complete package.
10. Please ensure that your answers are true and accurate. Any applications that are found to contain false information will be disqualified and you will be barred from participating in the Silver Knight Awards competition. Schools are responsible for verifying and certifying this application.
11. All applications must be submitted online. Applications must be locked, stamped and submitted by Monday January 25 at 6:00 PM. Physical applications that have been locked and stamped are due in person on Thursday January 28 and Friday January 29 at 6:00 PM. Applications will NOT be accepted after 6:00 PM. No exceptions.