# THE MIAMI HERALD / EL NUEVO HERALD

## SILVER KNIGHT AWARDS

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**NOMINEE NAME:** _____

**SCHOOL:** _____

**CATEGORY:** _____

The Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald's 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 contribute significant service to their school and community. If you feel you have what it takes to become a Silver Knight, you must apply through your school's Silver Knight Coordinator.

## Entry Form 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. <u>The sections noted with Points Earned are for judges to complete during the application process – please do not write in these areas.</u>

**2.** As a part of the competition process, you will need to appear in person for an interview with the Silver Knight judges on the specified day. **<u>Missing this interview will invalidate your application.</u>**

**3.** Answer all questions using only the space provided. List the most important achievements and service contributions; a short summary of top achievements is often better than a long list of lesser ones. <u>You are allowed up to 12 pages of support documents</u> (i.e., letters, awards, new clippings, photographs) that can be used to explain achievements and service.

**4.** The Entry Form must be typewritten. A letter-quality printout from a word processor may be pasted into the appropriate spaces. **The minimum acceptable font size is 12.**

**5.** <u>Submit five copies of the Entry Form – the typed original plus four photocopies. Attach to each of these Entry Forms a photocopied set of the support documents.</u> **<u>Use a paperclip to attach a 2x3 inches head-and-shoulders original color photo to the original Entry Form</u>** *before* **<u>photocopying. Your name. school and category must be printed on the back of the photo.</u>**

**6.** Nominees in the General Scholarship category (other category Nominees are excluded from this requirement) must also include five official unsealed copies of a complete high school transcript, including class rank and test scores such as SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement exams. Later, as updated transcript with first semester grades for the 12th grade can be given to judges at the interview. All Nominees are encouraged to list, under achievements, any significant test scores.

**7.** Community service should be documented wherever feasible. Do not submit audio or videocassettes. <u>Do not submit your actual award certificates: instead make copies.</u> Art nominees and New Media nominees are encouraged to bring portfolios to the interview. If you decide to bring portfolios of your work, please remember that the interview with the judges is approximately 10-minutes in length, therefore we recommend you using only 3-5 minutes of that time to show your work.

**8.** <u>All photographs submitted with your application, including your program photograph and all community service photos will become the property of The Miami Herald and will not be returned. These photos may also be used for publication purposes.</u>

**9.** Please ensure that your answers are true and accurate. **<u>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.</u>**

Full Name: _____

Phonetic Pronunciation (e.g. John DeCoteau = Dee-coat-owe): _____

Last Name and last 4 digits of Social Security #: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

High School: _____

Your School's School Silver Knight Coordinator: _____

## Community Service Contributions

**1.** List your <u>individual</u> community service contributions (not initiated by school activities). <u>Please list your most recent contributions first.</u> You may include community service contributories that you performed during your high school years. Use support documents to explain goals and results. For major projects, include the date and estimated hours you were involved. <u>Please do not list any efforts where you were compensated for your time or work.</u>

| Individual Community Service Contributions | Date(s) & Estimated Hours | Points Earned *(Judges Use Only)* |
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| | | |

**2.** List all <u>school-initiated or related</u> community service projects you have participated in. Provide specifics as to your role in the project. <u>Please list most recent achievements first.</u> You may include achievements from the past two years. Please do not list any efforts where you were compensated for your time or work.

| School-Initiated or Related Community Service Contributions | Date(s) & Estimated Hours | Points Earned *(Judges Use Only)* |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

# Major Project Description

3. Please describe below the service or project that has had the most significant impact on the community or school. <u>Support documents must include at least one typewritten letter of recommendation addressing the service in detail. Letter must contain the person's full name, title, organization, address, phone number and email address.</u>

Points Earned: _____ *(Judges Use Only)*

■ *Which of your service endeavors had the most significant impact on the school or community?*

■ *Who benefited from your service project?*

■ *Why was this effort so important to you?*

■ *Describe the full extent of your role with this effort.*

■ *How did you become involved and how did you structure your participation?*

■ *If any, what obstacles have you had to overcome personally in order to participate or lead this service project?*

■ *What period of time and how many hours did you dedicate to this effort?*

■ *What was the impact or outcome of this endeavor from a community or school perspective?*

## Individual Achievements

**4.** List up to your top five <u>individual</u> achievements related to your category. <u>Please list most recent achievements first</u>. You may include achievements during your high school years. Please include the date of achievement as well, if applicable. Use support documents (copies only) for honors, awards and recognition.

| Achievements (honors, awards & recognition) | Date(s) | Points Earned *(Judges Use Only)* |
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# Academic Checklist

Current Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____ total students in my class.

Please list any advance or honor academic courses taken in 9th through 12th grades in the four areas below. Then list any electives (art, music, foreign language, etc.) not in those four areas that relate to your category of interest. To be eligible for a particular category, you must show academic interest in that category. When appropriate, the school Silver Knight coordinator must indicate that while the school does not offer programs in a specific category, nominee excels in service as it relates to the category. Once again, only list courses that delineate a focus in your category.

Judging Score: _____ *(Judges Use Only)*

## Language Arts

## Social Studies

## Mathematics

## Science

## Electives & Other Courses

## Comments

# Silver Knight Awards Faculty Recommendation

In what ways has the nominee made an outstanding contribution in your school and community?

Name (*please print*)

Signature

Title or Position

Date

# Silver Knight Awards Certifications Form

### Nominee Certification:

I certify that this application and all of the content is my original work. I certify that all statements on this entry form are true and that information may be used for publication. I agree to appear in person on the specified day for an interview with Silver Knight judges. By completing this application and participating in the Silver Knight Awards, I consent to the usage of my likeness and name and agree to appear on any television news, promotion, coverage or program related to or about the Silver Knight Awards.

_____     _____
Signature of Nominee                                              Date

### Parent/Guardian Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements made by my child regarding grades, awards, rankings and offices, and all other reported activities are true.

_____     _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian                                  Date

### Silver Knight Coordinators Approval:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements made by this nominee regarding grades, awards, rankings and offices, and all other school-related activities are true.

_____     _____
Signature of Silver Knight Coordinator                    Date

### Principal's Approval:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements made by this nominee and faculty member regarding grades, awards, rankings and offices, and all other school-related activities are true.

_____     _____
Signature of Principal                                             Date