



ATTENTION ALL SENIORS – ARE YOU INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY? HAVE GOOD GRADES? A HARD WORKER? IF SO, YOU JUST MIGHT BE A SILVER KNIGHT!!

WHAT IS SILVER KNIGHT?

The Miami Herald Silver Knight Awards is one of the nation’s most highly regarded student awards programs, recognizing outstanding high school seniors who have not only maintained good grades but have also **unselfishly** applied their special knowledge and talents to contribute **significant service** to their communities throughout their schooling.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?

- **3.2 GPA** (unweighted) or higher **by Fall of Senior year**.
Academic excellence in a particular area (see below for the list of categories).
- **Achievement** in the school and community (as evidenced by awards and recognition).
- **Extensive service**, ideally spanning all four years of high school.
- **Major service project** with **consistency and lasting impact** on a community service organization.
- **Leadership** in getting others involved, creative problem solving, and perseverance in overcoming obstacles.
- **Finding and working with a Mentor** who will serve as a recommender.
- **Ability to meet strict deadlines**, namely lock and submission of final Applications and supporting documents by Monday, January 30, 2023, if nominated, as well as other deadlines leading up to this date (see below).
- **Availability for feedback and guidance** on applications **by appointment** with the school’s Silver Knight **Coordinator, Mrs. Sonja Clay**,
- **Attendance on the date of interviews/judging** Wednesday, March 15, 2023, and at the **awards ceremony** Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 7 pm.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO WIN?

Candidates formally apply at the school level, submitting extensive documentation and meeting strict deadlines. A school committee led by Mrs. Clay will select the nominee for each category, who will then meet with her (Mrs. Clay) over the coming months to prepare, finalize and submit applications, letters of recommendation by their mentors, and supporting documents to the Miami Herald; after that, nominees attend interview coaching. Nominees from schools across Broward County are then interviewed by a panel of independent judges who then select one Silver Knight (who wins \$2,000 and a statue) and three Honorable Mentions (who receive \$500 and an engraved plaque) in each category. Names are not revealed until the Silver Knight Awards ceremony, held at the James L. Knight Center each May.

WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES?

Art • Athletics • Business • Digital & Interactive Media • Drama • English & Literature • General Scholarship • Journalism • Mathematics • Music & Dance • Science • Social Science • Speech • Vocational Technical • World Languages

For more information and to complete an intent form, please go onto our school’s website under “Silver Knight”.

Intent Forms are due to Mrs. Clay by Thursday, November 17, 2022.