

# Silver Knight Award

## Coral Shores High School 24-25

**Overview:** The Silver Knight Award is a prestigious recognition program sponsored by the Miami Herald and el Nuevo Herald. It honors high school seniors in Miami-Dade and Broward counties for their outstanding academic achievements and significant community service contributions.

### History:

- **Established:** 1959 by John S. Knight, founder of Knight-Ridder Newspapers and Pulitzer Prize winner.
- **Purpose:** To celebrate students who excel academically and contribute positively to their communities.

### Eligibility:

- **Who Can Apply:** High school seniors from public, private, and parochial schools in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.
- **Academic Requirement:** Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.2.
- **Categories:** [Students can be nominated in 15 categories, including Art, Athletics, Business, Digital & Interactive Media, Drama, English & Literature, General Scholarship, Journalism, Mathematics, Music & Dance, Science, Social Science, Speech, Vocational Technical, and World Languages.](#)

### Nomination Process:

- **School Nomination:** Each school can nominate one student per category.
- **Application:** Students must submit an application detailing their academic achievements and community service projects.
- **Judging:** Includes student interviews and evaluation of their contributions and impact.

### Awards:

- **Recognition:** Winners receive a Silver Knight statue and a cash award.
- **Honorable Mentions:** Recognized with certificates and medallions.

### Impact:

- **Community Service:** Projects designed by nominees often address critical community needs, showcasing their leadership and dedication.
- **Legacy:** [Over 20,000 students have been recognized since the program's inception, with more than \\$1 million in cash awards distributed.](#)

## Ceremony:

- **Event:** The awards ceremony is a formal event where all nominees are honored, and winners are announced.
- **Date:** Typically held in May each year.

[For more information, visit the Miami Herald Silver Knight Awards page.](#)

## The Silver Knight Award winners are selected based on several key criteria:

1. **Service:** The extent and impact of the nominee's community service projects.
2. **Achievements:** Academic accomplishments and other notable achievements.
3. **Character:** Demonstration of integrity, responsibility, and ethical behavior.
4. **Leadership:** Leadership roles and the ability to inspire and guide others.
5. **Interview Skills:** [Performance during the interview process, including communication skills and the ability to articulate their experiences and contributions.](#)

[Two major factors that judges particularly consider are the consistency and lasting impact of the nominee's service.](#)

## Important Dates 2024-2025

### Application Lock-In & Submission

- Monday, January 27, 2025 by 5 PM EST

### In-Person Application Review (TBD Monroe County)

- Tuesday, January 28 & Wednesday, January 29, 2025
- Broward County & Miami-Dade County Locations

### In-Person Nominee Interviews (TBD Monroe County)

- **Broward County Judging:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025
- **Miami-Dade/Monroe County Judging:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025

### Awards Ceremony

67th Annual Ceremony: Wednesday, May 14, 2025