**Koplik Certificate of Mastery Eligibility - Next Steps:**

* Discuss academic achievement options (sections III and IV of the application packet) your School Counselor
  + AP Exams (<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>)
  + [Certification of Achievement](https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/mastery/cert-of-achievement.docx)
  + [Certification of Advanced Coursework](https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/mastery/cert-of-adv-coursework.docx)
  + [Certification of Family/Community Leadership](https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/mastery/cert-of-fam-comm-leadership.docx)
  + College Courses
  + Competitions/Awards / Publications
  + [Eagle Scouts Award](https://nesa.org/)
  + [IB Programme](https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/)
  + [MA Seal of BiLiteracy](https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/biliteracy/)
* Review and complete application (link to application)
* Submit completed application to School Counselor or school Koplik coordinator BEFORE May 1 Deadline
  + For those of you taking exams scheduled close to the deadline (meaning scores will not be available by June 1) you still must submit the application **before** the deadline. Please see section II of the application packet for more information on the submission process.
  + Eligible students are **STRONGLY** encouraged to apply even if they are not currently planning to attend a MA public college or university.
  + **Please remember that students may not file an application after graduating from high school.**
* File the Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as required to claim the tuition credit portion of the award: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Please note: Students that have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship are still eligible to apply for and receive the Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award however only **ONE** may be used as a credit toward tuition. The other will be considered recognition of outstanding achievement.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Most MA public colleges and universities **require** the hard copy of both the Koplik letter AND certificate. While the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education keeps an electronic database of Koplik recipients and sends a full copy to the high school’s Koplik coordinator DESE **DOES NOT** keep paper copies on file. Please keep your letter and certificate in a safe place.