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

* Complete and submit [Koplik Interest Form](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.doe.mass.edu%2Fscholarships%2Fmastery%2Finterest-form.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) to your school counselor BEFORE April 15 deadline. Failure to submit an interest form by the deadline will result in an inability to complete the application and you will forfeit the tuition credit.
* Discuss [Academic Achievement Pathways](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.doe.mass.edu%2Fscholarships%2Fmastery%2Facademic-achievement-pathways.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) with your school counselor or school Koplik coordinator
	+ AP Exams (<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>)
	+ School Certification of Achievement
	+ School Certification of Advanced Coursework
	+ School Certification of Family/Community Leadership
	+ 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/)
* Log into your account and START your application BEFORE May 1 deadline.
	+ For those of you taking exams scheduled close to the deadline (meaning scores will not be available by May 1) you still must START the application **before** the deadline. Failure to start the application by May 1 will close your account and you will forfeit the tuition credit.
	+ 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. **You are responsible** for ensuring that the Bursar’s/Financial Aid office at your college/university has the proper documentation to issue the credit.

The online application system will retain a copy of your letter and certificate for a period of four (4) years after your application has been submitted. During that time, you may access your application, letter and certificate for review and printing. After that time, your account will expire, and you will no longer have access to this information. Please plan accordingly.