

**Comparison of Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction Award  
and the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship**

<b>Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction Award</b>	<b>John and Abigail Adams Scholarship</b>
Students qualify for the Koplik certificate by 1) scoring at the <i>Advanced</i> level on the grade 10 MCAS test in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, or Science and Technology/Engineering and <i>Proficient</i> or higher in the other two subject tests <b>and</b> 2) demonstrating additional academic achievements on AP and/or SAT II (subject tests) Exams. The Koplik certificate provides a tuition waiver to a Massachusetts state college or university.	Students qualify for the Adams Scholarship by 1) scoring at the <i>Advanced</i> and <i>Proficient</i> levels on grade 10 MCAS tests <b>and</b> 2) having a combined score that places them in the top 25% of students in their district. The Adams scholarship provides a tuition waiver to a Massachusetts state college or university.
Students may take the grade 10 MCAS tests in ELA and Mathematics a second time in grade 11 in an attempt to meet the eligibility requirements for the Koplik certificate. However, Once a student earns his or her Competency Determination in STE, he/she is not eligible to participate in another STE test to attempt to qualify for the Koplik award.	Students are not allowed to take grade 10 MCAS tests a second time. The Adams scholarship is based on first time grade 10 test takers.
Students must submit an application for the Koplik award to their guidance counselor by the end of May of their senior year.	There is no application for the Adams scholarship award. Students who qualify for the scholarship receive an award letter in the fall of their senior year.
In order to use the award, students must present a copy of their certificate to the financial aid office at the Massachusetts state college or university they plan to attend and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.	In order to use the award, students must present their award letter to the financial aid office of the Massachusetts state college or university they plan to attend and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
The tuition waiver is in effect for eight consecutive semesters provided that the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher. If the GPA falls below 3.3 the student loses the tuition waiver.	The tuition waiver is in effect for eight semesters provided that the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. If the GPA falls below 3.0 the student loses the tuition waiver.
The tuition waiver applies to all Massachusetts public state colleges and universities.	The tuition waiver applies to all Massachusetts public state colleges and universities with the exception of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.
A student who receives both the Adams Scholarship and a Pell Grant is eligible for funds through the Academic Competitiveness (AC) Grant.	A student who receives both the Adams Scholarship and a Pell Grant is not automatically eligible for funds through the Academic Competitiveness (AC) Grant.

**Additional information is available on the following websites:**

[www.doe.mass.edu/FamComm/Student/mastery.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/FamComm/Student/mastery.html)

[www.osfa.mass.edu/default.asp?page=koplikWaiver](http://www.osfa.mass.edu/default.asp?page=koplikWaiver)

[www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/adams.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/adams.html)

[www.osfa.mass.edu/default.asp?page=adamsScholarship](http://www.osfa.mass.edu/default.asp?page=adamsScholarship)

**Please Note:** While a student may *receive* both the Adams Scholarship and the Koplik Certificate, **ONLY ONE** may be used to waive tuition. The other will be considered recognition of outstanding achievement.