What is the Kovner Opportunity Scholarship?

The Kovner Opportunity Scholarship enables talented and ambitious public high school students in Palm Beach and Martin Counties to aspire to and to attend the nation’s most challenging and selective 4-year colleges and universities.

High school students apply to this program in the spring of their junior year so that The Kovner Foundation, working in partnership with school guidance counselors, may provide one-on-one counseling and guidance through R&R Education Consultants during the college admissions process. R&R also provides support for Kovner Scholars and monitors their progress through their college years.

The Scholarship provides up to $10,000 per year for four years towards the cost of full-time attendance at an accredited U.S. college or university for any area of study. Up to ten scholarships will be awarded in 2021.

**Partner Schools: 2021**

- Dreyfoos School of the Arts
- Martin County High School
- South Fork High School
- Suncoast Community High School

Who is eligible?

Students currently in their junior year in the partner schools who meet the following criteria and have been nominated by their guidance department may apply:

- Class rank: Top 15%
- Minimum GPA: 3.5 or above
- Financial need
- Citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States
What is the selection criteria?

Selection is a holistic process looking to create a cohort of scholars for whom character, learning and excellence are defining principles. The selection committee will consider each candidate’s

- Ambition to succeed at a challenging college or university with preference given to students targeting out-of-state schools
- Scholastic achievement and potential
- Leadership and community service with special notice given to activities that were initiated and run by the student
- Entrepreneurship
- Personal maturity
- Family financial need

How do I apply, what is the process, and when are scholarship recipients selected?

The Kovner Opportunity Scholarship Application Timeline: 2021

**January 7:** Application available through website link


Application includes short answer and 2 essay questions

**January 29:** Initial Application deadline

**February 10:** Semi-Finalists notified

Application includes 3 essays (250-500 words), 2 teacher recommendations, 1 guidance counselor recommendation, official transcript, parental financial report

**March 10:** Semi-Finalist application deadline

**April 17:** Finalists notified

**April 29-30:** Finalist Interviews

Interviews by selection committee in person (virtual, Zoom)

**April 30:** Recipients announced
**College Admissions Support**

The Kovner Opportunity Scholarship program will

- Assist each scholar to identify prospective college choices
- Advise each scholar about college admissions and financial aid applications
- Advocate on the scholar’s behalf with colleges

**About The Kovner Foundation**

Through the Kovner Foundation, Bruce and Suzie Kovner support organizations that promote excellence in the arts and education, initiatives that defend private enterprise and protect individual rights, and scholarly studies and research that strengthen American democratic principles.

**About R&R Education Consultants**

Since 1998, R&R Education Consultants have helped foundations and corporations create and administer college scholarships. R&R partner Roger Lehecka was an administrator at Columbia University for more than 30 years including 19 years as Dean of Students at Columbia College. R&R partner Ria Coyne taught in the Columbia English department and coordinated the Revson Fellowship Program.