



## THE POLISH UNIVERSITY CLUB OF NEW JERSEY

### 2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Polish University Club of New Jersey grants a limited number of scholarships to deserving students in need of financial assistance for their undergraduate and graduate studies. The award embodies a moral obligation for the recipient to continue outstanding scholarship effort and propagate the scholarship idea.

The applicant must:

- Be a New Jersey resident of Polish descent, enrolled as a full-time student, and a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Have completed their senior year of high school and have proof of enrollment to an accredited college or university OR have completed their freshman year as a full-time student in an accredited college or university and have proof of enrollment for their next year at the school.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Submit a copy of the Student Aid Report received in response to the FAFSA application (high school and undergraduate only), along with proof of financial aid you will be receiving from your school for the upcoming school year
- Provide a sealed **official** transcript. Transfer students and graduate students must supply **official** transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.
- Provide two **sealed** letters of recommendation. One recommendation letter must be from a faculty member and the other from a Polish-American (non-relative) that has known you for at least two years.
- Provide a current 4x6" headshot which will not be returned.
- Attach a one page, typed, double-spaced, **original** essay written in English entitled: "My Polish Culture, Heritage, and Pride - What it Means to Me."

The applicant is required to complete **all** items on the application. Forms are to be completed and submitted by March 15th, all mailed items to be postmarked by March 15th. High school graduates must enclose a letter of acceptance and a confirmation of enrollment at an accredited school for the continuance of the applicant's education. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For those considered for an award, a personal interview is **required** and will only be held on the evenings of May 22nd and 23rd, 2018. Award decisions will be final and will be announced by June 1st. The presentation of awards will be at a scholarship luncheon held on June 10th, 2018.

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Full name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Email address (no .edu please!) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date and place of birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Permanent home address \_\_\_\_\_
5. Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you a US citizen? (check one)  Yes  No  
If not, what is your Alien Registration Number? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is your school ID number? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you previously applied for a scholarship from the PUC of NJ? (check one)  Yes  No  
If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Explain your Polish heritage \_\_\_\_\_
  
10. What is your father's name? \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is your mother's name? \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

#### EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

1. High school attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_
2. Undergraduate college or university \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree \_\_\_\_\_
3. Graduate college or university \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_
5. What career do you hope to pursue in the future and why?  
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6. List any extracurricular activities and organizations you are involved in, any positions you hold, and any honors you have received  
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#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note for high school students: fill out the following section to the best of your knowledge. If you do not yet have some of this information finalized, you are required to provide the correct information when you interview.

1. What is the total cost of tuition for school next year? (Not including financial aid awards.)  
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2. What are your total anticipated other costs for school next year? Please explain.  
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3. What is the EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) found on your FAFSA report?  
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4. Are there any special considerations that you would like the committee to know regarding your application?  
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## ESSAY

Please attach a one page typed, double spaced, original essay written in English entitled: "My Polish Culture, Heritage, and Pride – What it Means to Me."

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

For your application to be considered complete, this form must be filled out and postmarked, along with the following, by March 15th:

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- two **sealed** letters of recommendation
  - one recommendation letter must be from a faculty member and the other from a Polish-American (non-relative) that has known you for at least two years
- a sealed, **official** transcript
  - transfer students and graduate students must supply **official** transcripts from **all** colleges or universities attended
- a 4x6" photo of yourself which will not be returned
- a one page, typed, double-spaced, **original** essay written in English entitled: "My Polish Culture, Heritage, and Pride - What it Means to Me."

Please send all of the above to the following address:

Kathryn Kanczewski, Chairman  
PUC Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 132  
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

I understand that awards made by the Polish University Club of New Jersey are not loans. Nevertheless, if an award is made to me and I am able in the future to contribute to the PUC of NJ in order that others may also share in similar benefits, I will do so.

**I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that all of the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge.**

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Signature of Applicant

Date