

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM**  
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The purpose of the scholarship program is to promote the knowledge of Polish culture among American students of Polish descent. Candidate must have at least one parent of Polish origin/descent.

During the interview student candidates for scholarship must demonstrate interest in their Polish heritage by showing basic knowledge of Poland's geography, history and literature.

A book, "Poland, an Illustrated History" by Iwo Cyprian Pogonowski, is available from the Polish-American Association and at the public library. This is a concise and easy to read narrative which contains important facts about Polish history and culture. Other sources are available in libraries and online.

**Scholarship Requirements:**

1. Completed application.
2. A recent high school transcript of grades with evidence of 3.5 GPA or above.
3. Must be a graduating high school student or attending college in Florida and a resident of Sarasota/Manatee County.
4. A resume describing family background, Polish ancestors, studies completed, school activities, plans and goals for the future, financial situation.
5. Familiarity with the following subjects:
  - Basic geography of Poland
  - Basic knowledge of Polish history
  - Knowledge of Poles of worldwide recognition, famous figures in literature, arts and science.
6. Personal interview with the Scholarship Committee.
7. Write an essay on one of the following subjects: \*
  - a. Poland's contribution to the defense of Europe (300 words or more)
  - b. Contribution of Poles to the development of computer technology. (300 words or more)
  - c. Great Polish composers. (300 words or more)
  - d. Describe the geography of Poland, including the great cities. (300 words or more)
  - e. Polish Nobel prize winners in literature. (300 words or more)
  - f. Topic of choice about Poland

\* The essays will become the property of PAAoS and may be published.

## POTENTIAL TOPICS AND QUESTIONS DURING PERSONAL INTERVIEW

### GEOGRAPHY;

- 1—Where is Poland located?
- 2--Poland's land area and landscape
- 3—Poland's population and ethnic background
- 4--Who are her neighbors
- 5--What is her capital
- 6--Name couple of other major cities in Poland and their significance
- 7--What are Poland's major rivers

### LITERATURE, FINE ARTS and SCIENCE

What do you know about;

- 1—Copernicus
- 2—Kosciuszko, Pulaski
- 3—Henryk Sienkiewicz, Adam Mickiewicz
- 4—Polish Nobel Prize Receipients
- 5—Paderewski, Chopin, John Paul II, Walesa

## HISTORY;

1—When did Poland convert to Christianity?

2—When and where was the first University in Poland Established?

3—Union of Poland with Lithuania during the period of 1385—1795

4—Battle of Vienna and it's significance

5—Constitution of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May

6—Partitions of Poland and by whom

7—When did Poland regain it's independence?

8—When did WWII start;

--Who were the aggressors?

--The Holocaust

--Stalin's Deportations

--The Katyn Forest

--Warsaw Uprising

9—Poland's contributions to allied victory over Nazi Germany in WWII

Enigma, Polish Second Corps, Battle of Britain

10—What was the political situation in Poland between 1945 and 1989 and

What treaties placed Poland under Soviet control?

11—"Solidarity" and Lech Walesa

12—Poland Today;

--Form of Government

--Economic Standing

--Military

**POLISH-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SARASOTA  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
*(Deadline for submitting Application is April 1, 20 19 )*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Last) (First) (DOB)*

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name/Address)*

Name of College you plan to attend or are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major field of study in College: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name, place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name, place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Polish Lineage if none of the parents born in Poland: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment and extra-curriculum activities, awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit completed Application Form and required documents to:

Polish-American Association of Sarasota  
P.O. Box 15771  
Sarasota, FL 34277