POLISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION
2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Polish Cultural Foundation offers the following scholarship to deserving students in need of financial assistance. Only one (1) award shall be given per applicant.

LUBOMIR and IRENE ZABILSKI SCHOLARSHIP
IRENA MIECZYSLAW NIZNIK HALOCHA SCHOLARSHIP
JOSEPH S. ROZANSKI SCHOLARSHIP
Preference will be given to the following fields of study;
Journalism, Media, Political Science, Social Work

QUALIFICATIONS Applicant must;

1. Be a New Jersey resident, of **Polish descent**, a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident.
2. Be a **full-time** undergraduate student, having completed the freshman year at an accredited college or university.
3. Have a cumulative **GPA of 3.0** or higher.
4. Be actively involved in the activities of the Polish Cultural Foundation on a voluntary basis.
5. Submit with this application a **completed financial aid report** (SAR or FAFSA).
6. Provide an **official transcript** from all colleges or universities attended.
7. **NOT be a previous recipient** of a scholarship from the Polish Cultural Foundation Scholarship Program.

DIRECTIONS:

- **ALL** items on the application must be completed, typed or clearly printed. Incomplete forms will not be considered. Additional sheets can be attached to the application.
- Forms and documentation must be sent via standard mail to the attention of the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at the Polish Cultural Foundation's address.
- All applications are to be received and postmarked by the US Postal Service prior to the deadline **of November 24, 2026. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. Do NOT send documents by registered mail.**
- Community College graduates or transfer students that are transferring to a four year University / College must provide verification of acceptance by the University or College to be attended during the scholarship year as well as an **official transcript** from all colleges attended.
- Applicants may email the Scholarship Committee with questions concerning the application at pcf@pcfnj.org
- The selection procedure involves a personal interview of some nominated scholarship applicants. Interviews will be conducted **December 1, 2026** through **December 8, 2026**.
- Each applicant will be notified of their status on or about **December 15, 2026**. **All award decisions are final.**

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1. Name. _____
   Last Name. *First Name.* *Middle Name*

2. (a) Present Address_____ Phone_____

   City_____State_____ ZIP Code_____Email_____

   (b) Permanent Home Address_____Phone_____

   City_____State_____ZIP Code_____Email_____

3. Place and Date of Birth_____

4. U.S. Citizen [ ] YES. [ ] NO.

5. College Identification Number_____

6. Explain your Polish Heritage_____

7. Family Background
   (a) Marital Status: [ ] Single [ ]Married Spouse's Name_____

   Spouse's Occupation_____ Place of Employment_____

   (b) Father's Name_____ Living: [ ]Yes [ ]No

   Occupation_____Place of Employment_____

   (c) Mother's Name_____ Living: [ ]Yes [ ]No

   Occupation_____ Place of Employment_____

8. **Educational Background:**
   (a) Name and address of University/College you will be attending this school year:

   _____

(b) Level of education (at start of next semester in 2027)

[ ] Sophomore [ ] Junior [ ] Senior

Majoring in_____ Credits required_____Credits Completed_____

(c) List Community College or other University or Colleges that you previously attended and transferred from to your current University or College School (most recent first):

School/ Location Date From/ To Major Year Graduated Degree

_____

High School: Name, Location, Years attended, Year Graduated

_____

9. Financial Information: (Information provided is strictly confidential for scholarship committee use only).

(a) Projected expenses and financial resources for the academic year the scholarship is to be awarded.

Projected Expenses.	Estimated Financial Resources
Tuition_____	Funds from Student Employment_____
Room & Board_____	Funds form Parents/Guardian_____
Books_____	Scholarship Awards_____
Other (specify)_____	Tuition Waivers_____
	Loans_____
	Other (specify)_____
Total Expenses_____	**Total Financial Resources**_____

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(b) Name and Age of other family members who will be attending college during this academic year.

Name	Age	School	Year (undergraduate/ Graduate)

If there are financial circumstances or special circumstances, you wish to bring to the attention of the Scholarship Committee, **please explain on a separate attached sheet.**

10. Have you previously applied for a scholarship from the Polish Cultural Foundation?
[ ] Yes [ ] No

Year applied_____ [ ] Received. [ ] Not Received
An Applicant may only receive one (1) scholarship award from the Foundation Scholarship Program.

11. How did you learn of the Foundation's Scholarships? (Use separate attached sheets if necessary)

12. List and describe your school related extracurricular activities and other current interests? (Use separate attached sheets if necessary)

13. Attach a one-two page (typewritten, double spaced) original essay written in English answering:

What is the Polish Cultural Foundation? How has this organization in Clark, New Jersey and its leadership impacted Polonia and yourself.

(Artificial Intelligence (AI) is prohibited in the creation of this essay and will result in automatic disqualification of this application.)

14. Enclose two (2) letters of recommendation in separate sealed envelopes.
    - One must be on University/College Letterhead from a faculty member attesting to your academic qualities.
    - The other from an individual of your choice who has known you for at least two (2) years.

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15. List and describe your involvement and/ or service in the Polish Cultural Foundation. List dates of service (Use separate attached sheets).

16. List and describe your involvement and/ or service in the Polish Community. List dates of service (Use separate attached sheets if needed).

17. List and describe your involvement and/ or service in the Community at large (Use separate attached sheets if needed).

18. Include a copy of your resume.

I hereby certify that all the information I have provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, complete, true, and correct.

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Date

_____
Print Name

APPLICATION IS TO BE FORWARDED TO;
(Do not send by Registered Mail)

Eugenia Babiak, MD
Chair of the Scholarship Committee

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