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POLISH HERITAGE ALLIANCE, INC.

ALBIN AND MARY GYZINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

The Polish Heritage Alliance (PHA) supports Polish culture, values, community, learning and education by awarding several scholarships annually to students from Southeastern Wisconsin. These scholarships, administered by the PHA, were established in memory of Albin and Mary Gyzinski and are supported by the Albin Gyzinski Jr. endowment to the Polish Heritage Alliance Scholarship Program.

Five scholarships at \$3000.00 each will be awarded to graduating high school students planning to attend an accredited 2-year trade/vocational program, 2-year community college program, or 4-year college or university in the fall of 2025. These scholarships are one-time awards. Scholarship recipients may apply again for future scholarships.

Applications are to be submitted to the PHA scholarship committee by the deadline of April 15, 2025. Winners will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony at Polish Fest and agree to volunteer 20 hours during the awarded year at either Polish Fest or the Polish Center of Wisconsin events.

The scholarship committee of the Polish Heritage Alliance has been entrusted with the task of deciding which candidates will be awarded a scholarship and will notify recipients of the scholarships by May 15, 2025. All awards will be payable to the recipient and to the institution to which the applicant is enrolled. All materials submitted by applicants become property of the PHA Scholarship Committee and will not be returned. All decisions are final and not eligible for appeal.

The Polish Heritage Alliance Scholarship Committee will select candidates for the Albin and Mary Memorial Scholarship based on:

- **Application Completeness.**
- **Academic excellence and overall achievements.**
- **Applicant's character, leadership ability, interests, and goals.**
- **Applicant's essay and letters of recommendation.**
- **Community service including the Polish American community.**
- **Financial need is taken into consideration.**

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident.**
- **Applicant must be a Wisconsin resident (Wisconsin mailing address).**
- **Applicant needs to demonstrate they have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a four-point (unweighted) scale.**
- **Applicant must be enrolling or enrolled in an educational program seeking an associate or bachelor's degree in any field of study at an accredited University, College, or vocational/trade school within the United States.**
- **Applicant must be of Polish ancestry OR be significantly engaged with Polish culture.**

Instructions:

❖ PLAGIARISM WILL DISQUALIFY YOU FROM THIS AND FUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. Complete the application form.

- Incomplete information on the form may result in elimination from the Albin and Mary Gyzinski Memorial Scholarship consideration.

2. On a separate document, prepare your essay.

- Place applicant name and PHA Scholarship Application Essay at the top of the page(s).
- Address the prompt: Why is it important to maintain ethnic traditions?

3. Two letters of recommendation are required.

- Letters of recommendation should attest to the character of the applicant and his/her capability for completing post high school studies and include any information that will assist the committee in its consideration of the candidate.
- Place applicant name and PHA Scholarship Application at the top of the page(s).
- A signature, title (of author) and date are required at the end of the letter of recommendation.

4. Provide an official copy of your transcripts.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2025.

The following items must be submitted for consideration to receive the Albin and Mary Gyzinski Memorial Scholarship.:

- ✓ The completed application form.
- ✓ Essay on why it is important to maintain ethnic traditions.
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, coach, or advisor.
- ✓ Most recent school transcript.

Email the documents and attachments to: scholarship@polishfest.org

OR if you prefer, mail the entire package to:

**Polish Heritage Alliance
Scholarship Committee
6941 S. 68th Street
Franklin, WI 53132**

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ALBIN AND MARY GYZINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM 2025

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name

Date:

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

U.S. Citizen

Legal Permanent Resident

Wisconsin State Resident

How did you learn about this Scholarship Award?

Make Selection from the Drop-Down List

Date of Birth:

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

Mailing Address:

Street

City

Zip

Telephone No.

Cell

Home

Email

Name - Father

Name - Mother

Telephone No.

Telephone No.

Email

Email

POLISH ANCESTRY INFORMATION

Please provide a statement below explaining your Polish lineage/ancestry.

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

School Currently Attending

Grade Level

Cumulative GPA

ACT Score

SAT Score

List scholastic and/or leadership recognition/honors/awards and the year received.

List extracurricular activities and work experience, (clubs, teams,etc.) and the year of participation.

Describe any community service and/or volunteer activities.

List the names of other scholarships received. Include the date of the award and amount.

If you have already been accepted by a college, university, or vocational school and plan to enroll for the fall term of 2025 please enter the information in the first line below. Otherwise list three institutions you are considering attending.

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If the answer to question 2 is **NO** please enter **n/a** in both fields below.

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APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

- The information entered into this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- If selected for the Albin and Mary Gyzinski Memorial Scholarship, I will comply with all program requirements and agree to volunteer 20 hours during the awarded year at either Polish Fest or the Polish Center of Wisconsin events.
- Applicant, if selected allows personal information such as name, picture, and scholarship material by the Polish Heritage Alliance of Wisconsin to use for promotion in PHA's media materials.
- The Scholarship Committee has the applicant's permission to verify personal, school, and community activities.

Selected candidates may be invited for a personal interview with the scholarship committee. Candidates may be contacted via email to set up an interview. Please ensure that the email provided is accurate.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Format: MM/DD/YYYY