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POLISH HERITAGE ALLIANCE, INC.

ALBIN AND MARY GYZINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

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 seniors and currently enrolled undergraduate or associate degree students attending an accredited 2-year trade/vocational program, 2-year community college, or 4-year college or university or post-graduate studies. Scholarship recipients may apply again for future scholarships.

Applications are to be submitted to the PHA scholarship committee by the deadline of April 15, 2026. Winners will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony at Polish Fest.

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 31, 2026. 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 recommendations**
- **Community service including the Polish American community.**
- **Financial need is taken into consideration.**

This scholarship is open to both graduating high school senior and currently enrolled college students meeting the eligibility criteria.

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 scale (high school or college GPA, as applicable).**
- **Applicant must be enrolling in or currently enrolled in an associate, bachelor's, or postgraduate degree program at an accredited University, College, or Vocational/Trade school.**
- **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 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 from a teacher, professor, academic advisor, employer, mentor, coach, or community leader who can speak to the applicant's character and academic or professional ability.

- 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. Applicants must submit an official high school transcript (for graduating seniors) or an official college transcript (for currently enrolled college students).

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2026.

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, professor, 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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APPLICATION FORM 2026

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Date: _____

☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Legal Permanent Resident ☐ Wisconsin State Resident

How did you learn about this Scholarship Award? _____

Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address:

Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

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	_____	Current Academic Level (HS Senior, College Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)	_____
Major/Field of Study (for college students)	_____		
Cum. GPA	_____	ACT /SAT Score	_____
		Expected Graduation Year	_____

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

List extracurricular activities and work experience, (clubs, teams, etc.) and list 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 are currently enrolled in a college, university or vocational program, list your current institution as your first choice. Otherwise list three institutions you are considering attending.

Name – Institution		Tuition (\$)	Room & Board (\$)
1.			
2.			
3.			

Reason(s) for Selections above.

1.	
2.	
3.	

Which is your institution of choice from the list above.

If already committed to an institution leave blank?

What are your anticipated or potential career goals? Write a brief description.

POLISH HERITAGE CENTER INFORMATION

1. Are you a member of the Polish Heritage Alliance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Do any of your family members belong to the Polish Heritage Alliance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Member(s) _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

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:** _____