

Polish-American Scholarship Fund of Greater Kalamazoo 2024 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Description: For 2024, up to two (2) one thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarships will be awarded to qualifying students. The scholarships are one-time, non-renewable awards to be applied against the student's account at a U.S. college or university of the student's choosing.

Eligibility: The scholarship competition is open to any high school senior of Polish descent attending a greater Kalamazoo area school. One of the scholarships is reserved for a student with a connection to the annual Polish-American Memorial Golf Tournament and the connection or affiliation can be in the form of past participation or family member participation.

Selection will be based upon academic performance through the first semester of the senior year, involvement in extracurricular activities, and a brief essay. No letters of recommendation are required or shall be considered.

Complete the following and return with a copy of your high school transcript to: **Polish-American Scholarship Fund of Greater Kalamazoo, 504 Harper Lane, Midland, MI 48640.** The deadline for receipt of a completed application and transcript is **April 1, 2024.** NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR LATE APPLICATIONS.

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Init.) _____

Street Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Telephone _____ High School _____

Email address _____

Name of guidance counselor or academic advisor _____

On separate paper, please provide responses or documentation to address the following three areas described below: 1) Polish heritage; Polish-American Memorial Golf Tournament affiliation, 2) school/community/work involvement, and 3) an essay.

1. Provide a description of your Polish heritage as evidence of eligibility. Include information such as family surnames, dates and places of birth, year of immigration, etc. If relevant, briefly describe how your family celebrates your Polish heritage, and/or how your Polish heritage has been an influence on you growing up. To be considered for the scholarship award reserved for those that are connected to the Polish-American Memorial Golf Tournament, please additionally describe your connection or affiliation with that event such as years of participation, list of family members who participate and their years of participation, etc.
2. List extra- or co-curricular activities and time periods of involvement. Include all school, volunteer, and employment related activities. For clubs or other organizations, please indicate the exact nature of your participation, e.g. offices held, participation in specific projects or other activities, etc.
3. Provide a 500-word (approximate) essay that addresses the following: Describe a challenging period or event in your life as a student, how you dealt with it, and what you learned from the experience that may help you thrive in college or a future career. **NOTE THAT PERFORMANCE ON THE ESSAY IS ALWAYS DECISIVE IN OUR SELECTION OF A RECIPIENT FROM A POOL OF WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATES!**