

THE POLISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

2026 Scholarship Application

The **POLISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.** was established to give financial assistance to students of Polish descent. Ten, one year, scholarships each valued at \$1000.00 are awarded annually. The scholarship can be used at any accredited college, university, or trade school.

Who may apply?

Students are eligible who are of Polish descent, who have resided in Central New York in following counties: Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego for a minimum of two years and who have been accepted for admission to any accredited college, university, or training school as a full time student.

How are students selected?

Students must volunteer at the Syracuse Polish Festival unless extenuating circumstances arise to be eligible for the scholarship.

Students are selected on the following basis:

- 1) Scholastic aptitude
- 2) Financial Need
- 3) Career Aspirations
- 4) Extra Curricular Activities
- 5) Participation in Polish Community Activities

How to apply?

Students must complete and submit by ***March 15, 2026*** the attached Application Form to:

Polish Scholarship Fund, Inc.
Scholarship Selection Committee
P.O. Box 6032
Syracuse, NY 13217-9211

Please note: Only one scholarship will be awarded per family.

All provided information will be held strictly confidential.

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Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

County _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Briefly explain your claim to Polish descent. Please be specific.

How long have you resided in Central New York ? _____

SCHOLASTIC HISTORY

List schools that you have attended.

Name	Years Attended	Year Graduated
Grade School _____	_____	_____
High School _____	_____	_____
Additional _____	_____	_____
Schools _____	_____	_____
Attended _____	_____	_____

Provide one copy of your transcript from the latest school you have attended. (College Freshmen include High School Transcripts.)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(Note: For verification purposes students may be requested to provide copies of their parent's Form 1040 US Individual Income Tax Return.) All information provided will be held strictly confidential.

INCOME

Father's Occupation _____ Employer _____
*Annual Income \$ _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Employer _____
*Annual Income \$ _____

Applicant's Occupation _____ Employer _____
*Annual Income \$ _____

***Annual Income information** (wages, salaries, tips, etc.) may be available on W-2 forms, or on IRS 1040-lines 7+12+18, 1040A-line 7, or 1040EZ-line 1. Telefilers should use their W-2 forms)

Family adjusted gross income (Adjusted Gross Income is on IRS form 1040-line 35, 1040A-line 21, 1040EZ-line 4. or Telefile-line 1.) \$ _____

Amount of financial assistance (grants, savings, etc.) applicant will be definitely receiving in the coming academic year from other institutions. \$ _____

EXPENSES

List all other family members who are residing with parents and who are dependent on the family income for financial support.

Name	Age	Relations To Applicant	Is attending College
_____	_____	Father	_____
_____	_____	Mother	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List any unusual circumstances that impact your financial needs (handicap, illness, etc.).

Have you previously received a scholarship from the POLISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND INC.? _____

When? _____

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Name of school you plan to attend _____

Field of study you plan to pursue _____

In a minimum of twenty-five words and a maximum of one hundred words describe your career aspirations and goals. Also explain how this scholarship will aid you. _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a) List the names of clubs, organizations, community activities and sports in which you were involved. Include the number of years you participated in each and any elected offices you held. As a minimum list your High School Activities.

Activity	Years	Offices Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

b) List any awards or honors you have won.

Award	Year
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

c) Provide letters of recommendations (three max).

d) Briefly describe your outside work experience for the past academic year. Be sure to include the average number of hours worked per week.

Position	Date From (mo/yr)	Date to (mo/yr)	Hours per week	Amount Earned per week
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

PARTICIPATION IN POLISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Briefly describe your or your immediate family's involvement in Polish Community Activities. Specify the names of the organizations or activities, the goals and accomplishments of the organizations, the number of years of involvement in each organization by you or your immediate family members. If family members are involved, specify what their relation is to you.

Are you willing to volunteer some of your time to work at this year’s Polish Festival, scheduled for June 12, 13 and 14, 2026 at Clinton Square? If yes please check which days:

- Friday, June 12 Saturday, June 13 Sunday, June 14

Please write a brief biography (in less than fifty words) of yourself that will be used to announce scholarship winners in the local media. Items should be interesting hobbies, incidents etc.

Applicant's Signature

 Date

Parent's Signature

 Date