



Polish American Club 2008-09 Academic Year Scholarship/Grant

Program Description:

The Polish American Club of Columbus, Ohio, following an affirmative vote made in December 12th, 2007 has approved a PAC Scholarship/Grant to assist children and grandchildren of PAC members, as well as new members, between the ages 17-25 with the ever-rising cost of higher education. The scholarship/grant will provide five hundred dollars for qualified undergraduate students for full-time studies at accredited colleges and universities or trade schools in Ohio. Funding is for academic year 2008-2009 and is intended for tuition, books, and fees. The individual awarded this scholarship/grant is also **required** to participate in a minimum of **five hours** of volunteer service during the year of their award to support the non-profit activities of the Polish American Club. If not already a member, one year's membership will be awarded as well.

Restrictions:

Only one member per immediate family may receive a Polish American Club Scholarship/Grant during any given academic year. Same individual cannot receive this scholarship/grant more than once.

Eligibility:

Applicant must:

- be a child/grandchild of a member in good standing of the Polish American Club of Columbus, Ohio or an Adult Member¹ in good standing of the Polish American Club of Columbus, Ohio;
- be between 17² and 25 years old;
- a qualified undergraduate student in full-time studies at an accredited college and university in the state of Ohio, or
- have been accepted for admission to any accredited college, university, or training school as a full-time student in the state of Ohio for the 2007-8 academic year.

Selection Criteria:

Selection is based on applicants':

- interest in Polish studies
- involvement in the community (Polish American community in particular)
- future goals
- academic excellence
- personal achievements

Application Procedure:

Submit:

- Application for academic year 2008-2009.
- A personal statement. Briefly tell us about your academic path, career goals, and your Polish background or heritage, if any. (About 2-3 pages maximum)
- Transcripts/report cards of either your senior year of high school or current college.
- Two letters of reference submitted on professional letterhead by a teacher, counselor, advisor, principal, or employer or other non-family mentor.

¹ As defined in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Polish American Club.

² Applicant must turn 18 years old by the end of the 2008-2009 academic year (age of eligibility for Adult PAC membership).

Deadline:

Submit your application postmarked by November 20th 2008 to the following address:
PAC Scholarship/Grant Committee
c/o Polish American Club
P.O. Box 14960
Columbus, OH 43214

Scholarship notifications are made in writing and presented at *Wigilia* in December, 2008.

All information provided will be held strictly confidential

2008- 2009 POLISH AMERICAN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT

Application Form

Applicant Full Name: _____

Applicant Date of Birth: _____

Applicant Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Have you previously applied for a scholarship from the Polish American Club?
When? _____ N/A for 2008/9 Application

Are you a member of the Polish American Club of Columbus, Ohio? Yes No
If no, are either your parents or grandparents members? Yes No
Please identify the member parents/grandparents full first and last name:

Are you of Polish descent? (**NOTE: Not** required to be eligible) Yes No
How long and where have you resided in Ohio? _____

Academic History:

List the schools that you have attended, or are currently attending.

	School Name, Location	Yrs. Attended	Graduated (Y/N)	GPA
Elementary:	_____	_____	_____	_____
High School:	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____, etc.:	_____	_____	_____	_____
College, etc.:	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Name of school you plan to attend: _____
Field of study you plan to pursue: _____

Extracurricular Activities:

List the names of clubs, organizations, school/community activities, hobbies and sports in which you were involved. Include the number of years you participated in each and any elected offices you held.

Activity	Year(s)	Offices Held/ Your Role
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Awards, Honors:

List any awards, honors or recognition you have won.

Award	Year

Polish Community Involvement:

Please tell us about any involvement you and/or your family has in Polish and Polish American clubs, organizations, activities, or even trips to Poland and/or classes in Polish language taken.

Polish Language:

Do you speak, read, and/or write the Polish language?

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|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| SPOKEN POLISH | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced |
| READING POLISH | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced |
| WRITING POLISH | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced |

If you checked Advanced above, would you be interested in assisting in the teaching of Polish to members and their families? Yes No

Volunteer Requirement:

The awardee is also **required** to participate in a minimum of **five (5) hours** of volunteer service during the year of their award to support the non-profit activities of the Polish American Club.

What event(s) would you be most interested in volunteering to work at? Check all that apply.

- 2009 Polish American Club Members Picnic (Late Summer/ Fall)
Please check which times you would prefer:
 - Set-Up and Early Support (Transportation)
 - Main Event Support
 - End Event and Clean Up (Transportation)

- 2009 Columbus UN International Festival. (Usually 3 days in November)
See <http://www.unacol.org/> for exact dates.
Please check which days you would prefer:
 - Pre-Event Set-Up (Transportation)
 - Friday, Evening
 - Saturday, Day & Evening
 - Sunday, Most of Day
 - Clean Up (Transportation)

- 2009 Polish American Club Polka (April, usually between 4 and 12 PM)
Please check which times you would prefer:
 - Set-Up and Early Support
 - Main Event Support
 - End and Clean Up

- Other Polish American Club Activity Support (such as assisting in teaching Polish, working on Newsletter, translations, etc.)

Biographical Media Statement:

Please write a brief autobiography (about fifty words or less) briefly summarizing the information you filled out in this application. It will be used to announce scholarship winners in the local media. It should be very basic.

Example:

John/Jane Smith, Graduate of Ohio High School (GPA 3.5). Member of Orchestral Band (2 years), Swimming Team (3 years), and highly skilled flyer of kites. Speaks Intermediate Polish. Just began attending Ohio State University where he/she is studying Aeronautical Engineering. Hopes to become an airplane designer someday.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicant's Signature

Date

Member's Signature (if other than applicant)

Date

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