



Dear Counselor:

The Hudson Valley Polonaise Society, Inc. is pleased to announce that they are sponsoring one (1) cash scholarship award to a graduating high school seniors of Polish descent. There will be one award of \$1,000. The deadline for submission is May 15th, 2026.

Enclosed you will find the complete application packet which contains all the necessary information and forms that the applicants will need to qualify for either of these two awards.

Kindly encourage the eligible students to participate in this scholarship award, and please feel free to photocopy as many additional applications as you need. Once completed, please collect and submit completed application postmarked by May 15th, 2026 to the following address:

Hudson Valley Polonaise Society, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 162
Goshen, NY 10924

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Ewanciw, Chairperson
HVPS Scholarship Committee
katrinae@frontiernet.net

Enclosures

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET
INFORMATION / RULES / PROCEDURES**

1. Applicants must be of Polish Decent and a graduating Senior from an Orange County High School or the son/daughter of an active member of the Hudson Valley Polonaise Society and a graduating senior..
2. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall be composed of members of the Hudson Valley Polonaise Society and their selection decision shall be final.
3. Application packet contains:
 - Note and Hints to applicant
 - Cover Sheet - Information / Rules / Procedures (1)
 - Form A - Scholarship Application (1) - to be completed by applicant
 - Form B - Applicant's Personal Statement. Essay - to be completed by applicant
 - Form C - Activities List Sheet (1) - to be completed by applicant and verified by counselor
 - Form D - Information to be supplied by Counselor (1)

+++++++ A copy of the essay is to be sent to katrinae@frontiernet.net, if this is not received, application will NOT be considered. **Required**

NO NAMES ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ESSAY, UNLESS THEY REFER TO A HISTORICAL PERSON. NO RELATIVES IN ESSAY. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

4. Applicant is responsible for:
 - completing one (1) each: Form A, Form B, and Form C – Once completed forward to your Counselor
 - distributing one (1) Form D to Counselor
5. **DO NOT SEND PHOTOS.** Prior to screening by the judges, any photos submitted will be removed from the student's application file and will be destroyed. **THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO SENDER.** Also, **please refrain from listing friends or family members by name in your essay**
6. The applicant must provide the committee with A COPY OF HIS OR HER LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE TO THE COLLEGE OF THEIR CHOICE. Applicant will not be considered if this is not received.
7. Additional paperwork not requested but voluntarily submitted - either by the student or the school - **WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**
8. Applications or any missing parts thereof will NOT be accepted after May 15th, 2026.
9. The Post Office will not deliver mail without sufficient postage. Applicants are responsible for affixing sufficient postage on applications submitted.
10. All applications become the property of the Hudson Valley Polonaise Society, Inc., upon receipt.
11. **One award of \$1,000.0 will be presented. Winner will be contacted by the Scholarship Chairperson on or before June 15th.**

A reception for the scholarship winners will be held on the **2nd Thursday in July at the CYO in Pine Island, New York** and the recipients and their families will be invited to attend. Winners will read their essays to the membership and guests prior to the award presentations.

FORM A

HUDSON VALLEY POLONAISE SOCIETY, INC.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ Phone () _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Polish Ancestor (s): (please specify name (s) and their relationship to you)

School currently attending _____

Phone # of School _____

Counselors Name _____

Occupational Goal _____

College or trade school you expect to attend (provide acceptance letter)

Course of study you plan to pursue _____

FORM B

HUDSON VALLEY POLONAISE SOCIETY, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Personal Statement: Write (must be typed) a one or two page essay, single spaced, describing the following: (Quality not quantity is most important) Please e-mail a copy to katrinae@frontiernet.net

The mission of the Hudson Valley Polonaise Society is to promote and preserve the beautiful customs and heritage of Poland. We would like to know about your Polish Heritage and what it means to you. What have you done in the past to promote your Polish Heritage? People emigrated for many reasons, why did your ancestors come to this country? Where did they settle? What were their occupations? What does being Polish mean to you? (please don't say pierogi, polka music or your last name) . **ESSAY TOPIC; ."How did your Polish heritage influence you to become the person you are today", **DO NOT INCLUDE FAMILY NAMES IN THIS ESSAY. The essay MUST be e-mailed as well as sent with the formal application.****

After your essay, or included in the essay, Please list all community service you have done including the organization or individuals with whom you worked. If it was for confirmation, please note your church. If you organized a service event yourself, please give details.

Student Signature _____

Counselor Signature _____

FORM D

HUDSON VALLEY POLONAISE SOCIETY, INC.

Information to be supplied by Counselor

1. Name of Student _____

2. Rank in Class _____

3. Total Number in Class _____

4. Average _____

5. High School Course of Study _____

6. Comments: _____

Counselor's Name (Please print) _____

Signature _____

Title _____

School _____

Address _____

Date _____

*****Please return completed form and copy of transcript, all materials are due to HVPS by May 15th , 2024**

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HUDSON VALLEY POLONAISE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP **Check list**

Dear Students,

Please complete the entire application, following all directions. From past experience, it is best to submit your forms to your counselor for them to check it, and then all applications from your school can be sent at one time. Everything must be submitted by May 15th, 2024.

Please also e-mail a copy of your essay to ****katrinae@frontiernet.net ****

That means, mail the entire application and essay AND e-mail a copy to the address above. Please follow all instructions.

Have you included: Essay and family information requested Forms A & B

 Copy of Letter of acceptance

 List of activities Form C

 Forms from Guidance Form D

Thank you, enjoy the rest of your senior year, good luck in college.

Barbara Ewanciw

Scholarship Chairperson

Hudson Valley Polonaise Society

Please follow all directions, including e-mailing a copy of the essay.

You may write your name at the top, so it can be blacked out, when the judges read the essays, they do not know who they are. If you do not e-mail the essay or if you use family names in the essay, it will not be considered.