

# Polish American Board of Education of Berks County, PA

January 2, 2020

Dear High School Principal,

This year will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County. Since we began in 1946 we have awarded high school seniors of Polish descent hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships. We are pleased to inform you that many of those recipients were students that attended your High School.

Our Education Board wishes to make all Berks County students of Polish descent aware of the financial opportunity offered to them through this scholarship program. We would appreciate your efforts in communicating the following information about our program to your guidance counselors and the eligible students in your school.

This year the Polish American Board of Education will be awarding eleven college scholarships totaling \$26,000.00. They are:

The Walter Bialas Scholarship	\$6,000.00
Mary Oziemkiewicz Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000.00
Walter Bialas Scholarship	\$4,000.00
Polish American Board of Education Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Jess Cwiklinski Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Stella M. Hendel Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Stanley B. Lewandowski Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Dr. Edmund F. Gallman, Jr. Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Leon and Stella Zerkowski Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Polish-American Citizens Political Assn. Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Polish American Heritage Assn. Scholarship	\$1,000.00

Enclosed with this letter, you will find copies of our Scholarship Application Form and Scholarship guidelines. Additional information can be obtained by contacting me at 610-693-9792 or on our web site at [pabeberks.org](http://pabeberks.org). Completed scholarship applications must be submitted by Saturday, March 28, 2020.

You will also find enclosed announcements, which should be posted to assist in communicating this important information to your students.

The scholarships will be presented to the winning students at the annual dinner banquet of the Polish American Board of Education. The eleven scholarship winners are expected to attend this dinner as our guests.

Thank you for assisting our group in this educational endeavor.

Sincerely,



Ronald P. Savitski

Scholarship Committee Chairman

**POLISH AMERICAN BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BERKS COUNTY, PA**  
**SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES (Revised October 5,2019)**

1. Any Berks County (PA) High School senior of Polish-American descent may apply who can provide evidence of at least 25% Polish heritage.
  2. The applicant shall be a resident of Berks County for at least four years prior to the date of application.
  3. The application forms shall be available at each of the Berks County's high schools in care of the principal's office, their guidance counselor, from the Scholarship Secretary listed below or through our web site [www.pabeberks.org](http://www.pabeberks.org).
  4. Every applicant and their parents or guardian shall to the best of their ability give voluntary support to the Board.
  5. The applications shall be completed by the applicant and be filed with the Board's Scholarship Secretary by Saturday, March 28, 2020 with the following attachments:
    - A) It shall be the responsibility of THE STUDENT to ensure that all official SAT and/or ACT test scores, along with their high school transcripts accompany the application. If this information is not provided, no consideration will be given for a scholarship.
    - B) Explanation of why this scholarship should be granted.
    - C) Documentation providing evidence of at least 25% Polish heritage. Acceptable documentation is deemed to be copies of birth, baptismal or marriage certificates of parents, grandparents or great-grandparents that can demonstrate such Polish ancestry. These copies should be accompanied by a hand-drawn family tree that shows such lineal heritage.
    - D) List of books or articles read by applicant on matters of Poland or Polish-American topics.
  6. Selection of all scholarship winners will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based upon information submitted from section (5) above. Each award and the amount shall be determined by the Board on an annual basis and shall be paid directly to the college on an installment basis. The student must be enrolled in an accredited college seeking a four year academic degree and must fulfill attendance consecutively.
  7. Any applicant receiving a full tuition scholarship from any other source shall not be eligible for this scholarship. Scholarship money is not applicable to housing, books, laboratory fees or transportation.
  8. The PABE Scholarship Awards Committee will give some preference to the children or grandchildren of active PABE members provided that the student under consideration is of Polish-American descent (minimum of 25%) and has achieved a score of 1500 or higher on their SAT.
  9. The student, or a representative from their immediate family, must attend the presentation banquet or the scholarship will not be awarded.
- Scholarships will be terminated if the above rules are not adhered to.  
Completed applications and correspondence should be sent to:

**Mr. Ronald P. Savitski**  
**159 Texter Mountain Road**  
**Wernersville PA 19565**

