



Mary Ann Becker Memorial/Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County POLONIA PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP

For the 2022-2023 academic year, one (1) \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a Berks County resident and who can provide evidence that he/she is of Polish heritage.

First year college "non-renewable" scholarship is available to high school seniors pursuing their studies in an accredited post-secondary educational institution in either a two or four year program.

Criteria for award include:

- HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RESIDING IN BERKS COUNTY
- OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT INCLUDING GPA TO VERIFY AT LEAST A 3.0 (B) AVERAGE OR EQUIVALENT AT TIME OF APPLICATION
- PROOF OF POLISH DESCENT
- COMPLETION OF ENTIRE APPLICATION INCLUDING ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS
- MUST BE ENROLLING IN AN ACCREDITED POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN EITHER A TWO OR FOUR YEAR PROGRAM
- STUDENTS PERSONAL PROFILE ESSAY WHICH INCLUDES ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACTIVITIES IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL, AND FUTURE GOALS, INCLUDING HOW YOU CELEBRATE YOUR POLISH HERITAGE.
- SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT BASED ON POLISH HISTORY, CULTURE AND / OR TRADITIONS. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXPLORE THEIR POLISH HERITAGE AND "THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX." THE PROJECT WILL BE AT THE STUDENTS CHOICE BUT MUST BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL MATERIALS, MUST BE SELF SUFFICIENT AND BE IN ITS' ENTIRETY WHEN DELIVERED TO THE PAHABC CULTURAL CENTER FOR DISPLAY. PROJECT WILL BE JUDGED ON CONTENT, NEATNESS, ACCURACY AND AUTHENTICITY.
- WRITTEN NARRATIVE WHY YOU CHOSE THE SUBJECT OF YOUR PROJECT.
- STUDENT AND/OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT THE AWARD AT THE POLISH AMERICAN BOARD OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ON MAY 21, 2023.

Applications for this scholarship are available at Berks County high schools guidance offices, by contacting Ms. Sandy Lubas Hummel at sahummel@ptd.net, or in the Polish-American Cultural Center, pending its' opening to the public. Questions regarding the scholarship guidelines may be directed to Ms. Hummel at sahummel@ptd.net or call 610-207-7065.

DEADLINE: The project must be received in its' entirety, including all required documents, in the PAHABC cultural center at the Goggleworks, 201 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 by Sunday, March 17, 2023. No project will be accepted after that date.

Announcement of this award will be made in late March 2023. The scholarship money will be forwarded to the student upon receipt of tuition payment for the Fall semester.

MARY ANN BECKER MEMORIAL/POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE
ASSOCIATION OF BERKS COUNTY (PAHABC)
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL # _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____

DATES ATTENDED _____ CURRICULUM _____

I PLAN ON ATTENDING _____ FOR A _____ YEAR DEGREE MAJORING IN

_____.

FATHER'S NAME _____ NATIONALITY _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ NATIONALITY _____

(MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME) _____

WE HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ *DATE* _____ *PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE* _____ *DATE* _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES:

I HEREBY RECOMMEND THE ABOVE NAMED APPLICANT FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP. HIS/HER CLASS STANDING IS

_____ OF A CLASS SIZE OF _____

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL _____ *DATE* _____ *SIGNATURE OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR* _____ *DATE* _____