



Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin, Inc.– Madison WI

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

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APPLICANT

Name – Applicant – First, Middle, Last

☐ U.S. Citizen

☐ Legal Perm. Resident

☐ Wisconsin Resident

How did you find out about the Polish Heritage-Madison Scholarship Award?

☐ PHC Member

☐ School

☐ Internet

☐ Other:

Mailing Address – Street, City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number

Email

Name - Mother

Name – Father

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

Email

Email

SCHOOL

Name – High School

Date - Graduation

GPA

Address – High School

Name – College/University You Attend or Plan to Attend

Address – College/University – Street, City, State, Zip Code

ACHIEVEMENTS

Key Extracurricular Activities/Organizations

Key Leadership/Honors/Awards

ATTACHMENTS – Type in English Language

1. **Ancestry** – What is your Polish ancestry? In 200 words or less, describe your exposure to and/or familiarity with the Polish language and culture.

2. **Career Plans** – In 150–200 words, describe your educational plans/career goals

3. **Essay** – Write an original **titled** 750–1000 word informative essay on a major event in Polish arts, culture, or history. Explain why the topic interests you or how it relates to you personally. This essay is to be well researched and well supported. In your essay, properly footnote all your sources.

NOTE: If you become a winner of this year’s Scholarship Award, the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison may wish to publish your essay, properly attributed to you as a winner, in its member newsletter and on its website.

By submitting your essay and application, you agree to such publication with your photograph and general bio information as hometown, school and major.

You also agree to receive your certificate in person or by proxy during a club event in Madison, WI.

You certify that your essay is original and all information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

The Scholarship Committee has your permission to verify school and community activities, and agree to release, from all liability and responsibility all persons, schools or organizations supplying this information to the committee.

You understand that the decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. All information will be confidential and confined to the scrutiny of the Scholarship Committee.

I certify with my signature below that I have not used any generative AI tools in writing this essay.

SIGNATURE - Applicant

Date Signed

SIGNATURE – Parent or Guardian (if applicant under age 18)

Date Signed

Application must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2026** in order to be considered. Mail (Faxes/Email NOT accepted) Application Packet and **three** copies to:

Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 45438
Madison WI 53744

Direct Questions to: phcwisconsin@gmail.com

For more information go to: www.phcwi-madison.org



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Founded in 1979, the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison (PHCWI) was formed to promote the heritage of our Polish ancestors through educational, cultural, charitable, and social objectives including:

- Encourage among Americans, particularly Americans of Polish ancestry, an interest in and knowledge of the Polish as well as American traditions in their cultural heritage.
- Join together for social and civic activities to sustain the originality, value and joy of Polish customs and tradition and their compatibility with American history and heritage.
- Give an organized welcome in Wisconsin to artists, scholars, dignitaries, writers, musicians and other proponents of Polish-American culture.
- Promote understanding and unity among Americans of all ethnic backgrounds.
- Advance academic learning and education of our Polish heritage.
- Contribute to charitable causes.

The Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison will award a scholarship(s) to provide tuition assistance for students pursuing a college/university education.

The Scholarship Committee of PHCWI will review the application materials submitted by each student to ensure that criteria have been met and present to the Board of Directors their candidate for the scholarship. The scholarship check will be awarded upon verification of completing one semester of the coming school year. The decisions of the Scholarship Committee and PHCWI BOD are final and are not subject to review.

To Be Eligible for Consideration

1. Applicant must be of Polish ancestry OR studying the Polish language, history, society or culture OR be significantly engaged with Polish culture.
2. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident.
3. Applicant must be a Wisconsin resident (a Wisconsin mailing address or graduate of Wisconsin High School).
4. Applicant must be enrolling or enrolled in an educational program seeking the associate, bachelor's, or graduate degree in any field of study at an accredited U.S. university or college.
5. Applicant has demonstrated excellent academic performance. Successful applicants will usually have a grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a four-point scale.

All applicants must complete the scholarship application and requested attachments, sign, date and mail materials post marked no later than March 1st. Faxes NOT accepted. Original and 3 copies of all materials must be mailed to the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison. All materials submitted by applicants will become part of the records of the PHCWI and will not be returned. Late, incomplete or unsigned applications will not be accepted or returned for corrections.

For additional information, please see our website at www.phcwi-madison.org

Direct Questions to: phcwisconsin@gmail.com or write to the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison, Attention: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 45438, Madison WI, 53744