



Polish-American Engineers Association of Florida, Inc.

P.O. Box 4642, Clearwater, FL 33758
email: info@PolishAmericanEngineers.com

Scholarship Application

Please complete and submit the application with the required documents either by mail to

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or email to info@PolishAmericanEngineers.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: May 15, 2021

Funds awarded August/September

THE AWARD

PAEA supports American students of Polish descent for undergraduate and graduate level studies at colleges and universities with a special consideration given to students from our local community attending Florida universities. Scholarships of \$1,500 - \$2,000 are awarded on a competitive basis for one academic year. Funding is for full-time studies. **Selected applicants are awarded financial assistance scholarships which are disbursed to the student's university account.** All fields and majors are eligible for scholarship funding.

The principal source of our scholarship fund, in addition to member dues, originates from fundraising events and donations.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. Candidates will be evaluated by the Selection Committee on the following criteria:

- Academic Performance, Achievements, Motivation and Leadership
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essay Response
- Work experience or involvement in community and other extracurricular activities
- Applicant's interests in Polish heritage and culture.
- Financial need is taken into consideration.
- Special credit will be given to those who submit a short article about importance of Polish Culture and Traditions. The selected article will be considered for publication and distribution.

ELIGIBILITY

- Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis to full time undergraduate students or graduate students who are American citizens, permanent residents, or have a legal status in the US. PAEA is focused primarily on providing financial aid to students of Polish heritage.
- Student must currently be enrolled in a 4-year College/University, graduate school, or Technical School.
- Student must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.
- All majors will be considered but special consideration will be given to students majoring in engineering, Polish history, language or culture.
- Students who are re-applying for scholarship funding are considered together with new applicants and will be competing for scholarship funding against a new pool of candidates. Students who are reapplying must update all items. Applicants may re-apply for funding; however, scholarship renewals are not

guaranteed. Awards are limited to two tuition scholarships per individual during the period of his/her studies.

- Only one member per immediate family may receive a tuition scholarship during a given academic year.

Applicants must submit each of the following:

- **Completed application form.**
- **Official transcript** ending with last completed semester from current institution which should be submitted directly to PAEA either by mail or emailed to info@PolishAmericanEngineers.com
- **250-500-word essay** on why you are the best candidate for this scholarship?
 - Your financial circumstances (family employment and income, number of family members, etc.
 - Highlights of your academic achievements
 - Your community/volunteer work history
 - Expected expenses
 - Any other factors you would like us to consider
 - Recent photo suitable for media/press releases.
 - One (1) letter of reference from your teacher/professor, guidance counselor or academic advisor which should be submitted directly to PAEA either by mail or emailed to info@PolishAmericanEngineers.com.

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Please fill out and scan back via email with required attachments or email to the address above

Application Date:	
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NAME

Mr. Ms. Mrs.	
First & Middle	
Last	

ADDRESS (mailing)

Street	
City, State, Zip Code	
Telephone	
E-mail	

ADDRESS (permanent if different from above)

Street	
City, State, Zip Code	
Telephone	
E-mail	

CITIZENSHIP STATUS

<input type="checkbox"/> US citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____	
Place of Birth		Birthdate	

FAMILY BACKGROUND

What is your ethnic background	
Are you of Polish Descent?	Yes No
Rate your knowledge of the Polish language	
<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Native language <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Speaker	

Father's (Legal Guardian's) Name (Last, First):	
Father's Occupation	
Father's Highest Level of Education:	
Mother's (Legal Guardian's) Name (Last, First):	
Mother's Occupation	
Mother's Highest Level of Education	

EDUCATION:

Name of Current Institution	
Current Status – only full-time students will be considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
Date of expected graduation	
Major/Minor	
Grade Point Average	
Semester hours completed	
SAT/ACT Scores	Math Reading Writing Combined Score SAT II Scores Subject Score

Honors/Recognitions	
Name of High School, City, State and date of graduation	
What fellowships or financial grants do you presently hold if any?	
How much financial aid do you expect to receive for the academic year? Please list all grants, scholarships, loans and other support for which you have applied	
How much financial aid will you receive monthly from your parents?	

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD (elected or appointed)

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES outside of schoolwork or professional activities

WORK HISTORY (if applicable)

RECOMMENDATIONS - should be submitted directly to PAEA either by mail to P.O. Box 4642, Clearwater, FL 33758 or emailed to info@PolishAmericanEngineers.com

One or more letters of reference to include:

- (1) letter from your teacher/professor, guidance counselor or academic advisor who can attest to your academic or professional ability, from whom you will request letters of recommendation, to be sent directly to the PAEA.
- (2) (optional) personal recommendation

Name	
Title/Position	
Address	
Telephone number	
email	

Have your received or applied for PAEA scholarship before?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you or your family PAEA members?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you planning to be involved in PAEA in the future?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
How did you hear about this scholarship?		

Certification and Release Authorization

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.

- I certify this information is true, complete and accurate
- I authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application
- I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded at an accredited educational institution
- I authorize Polish-American Engineers Association of Florida, Inc. to publish my name and/or photo for use in PAEA promotional materials, news releases and/or social media

The candidate is responsible for understanding the requirements and submitting the required documents. If you have questions about the application, email info@PolishAmericanEngineers.com

Scholarships are awarded for the subject areas specified on the candidate's application. Changes in circumstances following scholarship notification must be communicated to PAEA and may result in re-consideration or cancellation of the scholarship award.

SIGNATURE / DATE _____

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