**PHA 2015 High School Senior Scholarship Application**

The PHA of MD Scholarship Committee will use your answers to these questions only in connection with your application. Please try to limit your responses to the space provided. All questions in each section must be answered. If any question does not apply please use N/A in that space. Failure to answer questions or answers that are incomplete or untruthful and lack documentation will eliminate your application from consideration for a scholarship. Please print or type clearly.

**Part One**

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| Last Name: | First and Middle Name: |
| Current Mailing Address:Street /City/State/Zip | Permanent Mailing Address: (if applicable)Street /City/State/Zip |
| Phone: | Email: |
| Student ID Number: | MD Drivers License Number: |
| Date of Birth: | Place of Birth: |
| Gender: Female O Male O | Marital Status: Single O Married O Other O |
| Phone: | E-Mail: |
| I am a Legal Resident of Maryland: Yes O No O | I am a Legal Resident of USA: Yes O No O |
| High School Attending: Rank in Class: Class Size: GPA: Weighted GPA: Total SAT Score: Mathematics: Critical Reading: Writing:  |
| **Applicant Lives With:** |  |
| O Mother & Father (Provide full names) | O Mother (Provide full names) |
| O Father (Provide full names) | O Guardian (Relationship if any) |

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|   | Father's Employer: |
|   | Father's Occupation: |
|   | Father's Gross Yearly Income: |
|   | Mother's Employer: |
|   | Mother's Occupation: |
|   | Mother's Gross Yearly Income: |
| Only ProvideStep-Parent | Step-Parent's Employer: |
| information if theyare contributing to | Step-Parent's Occupation: |
| the financial supportof applicant | Step-Parent's Gross Yearly Income: |
|  | Applicant's Employer: |
|  | Applicant's Occupation: |
|  | Applicant's Gross Yearly Income: |
| Total Dependents inhousehold:  |  |
| Ages of Dependents: |  |
| Number of dependents in private or parochial school and/or college for academic year 2014-2015 (Do not include applicant):  |
| Total Tuition of Dependents (Do not include applicant): $  |
| **Ethnic Background: Please mark the appropriate box** | **You must have two Polish ancestors, any generation** |
| O Polish Immigrant (if born outside of USA, please state where) | O Polish American (Polish descent born in USA) |
| O I am currently a member of Polish organization(s) and/or active in the Polish Community (Please provide specific details and in a separate attachment) | O I am a member of the Polish Heritage Association of Maryland (Please provide date of membership) |
| O Relative of PHA member(s) (Please provide member(s) name) | Maternal Polish Ancestry – (Provide full names & relationship to applicant) |
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**Part Two – College Expenses**

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| **Estimate of Annual College Expense** |
| Name of College (1st choice) |  |
| Tuition |  | Room/Board |  |  |  |
| Books |  | Other |  | Total |  |
| Major or intended Major: |  |
| Career Objective: |  |
| At this school I will: O live on campus O live off campus O commute from home |
| Name of College (2nd choice) |  |
| Tuition |  | Room/Board |  |  |  |
| Books |  | Other |  | Total |  |
| Major or intended Major: |  |
| Career Objective: |  |
| At this school I will: O live on campus O live off campus O commute from home |
| **Financial Aid**Please list all Financial Aid you are eligible for and will receive [this includes student loans, grants, work study or tuition remission from college or university] |
| Name of Award | Amount  | Grant or Loan (will you have to repay amount provided) |
|   |  | O Yes O No |
|   |  | O Yes O No |
|  |  | O Yes O No |
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| Does a parent, step-parent or spouse work for a college or university you may attend? O Yes O No |
| Will you receive any tuition or credit remission? O Yes O No Amount Received: $ |

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| **Adjusted Total College Expense** |
| Actual Total or Tuition after you have subtracted out all financial grants (only those listed above that you will not have to repay) any tuition credit or remission |  $ |

When submitting application please include copies of any letters of acceptance, financial aid grants listed above and applications for tuition credit and/or remissions from college or university.

**Part Three – Essay**

As a separate word document attachment, please write an original essay of approximately 250 words expressing your feelings of why you should receive a scholarship grant from the Polish Heritage Association of Maryland. You should stress the importance of your Polish Heritage and its meaning to you, and any future plans you have to contribute to the Polish American Community. Please only write your name on the first page in the upper left-hand corner of the essay submitted since the Committee will receive a copy of the essay with your name removed to insure impartiality. Therefore, do not use any personal names in your essay (for example: you may say - my grandmother, but not my grandmother, Anna Sulewska). Your essay **MUST** be emailed no later than **March 1, 2015** to: josietoo@comcast.net  **.**  Any essays received after March 1, 2015, will not be considered with the application.

**Part Four – Certification and signature**

**Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

My signature attest that I have answered all of the questions on this application as truthfully as possible and that I understand any deliberate misrepresentation of information will result in my disqualification from receiving or termination and restitution of a grant from the Polish Heritage Association of Maryland.

 **PHA Scholarship 2015 Application Checklist**

To insure that your application is complete please refer to this checklist. Please note that failure to complete this application and/or submit the following items may cause your application to be considered incomplete and, therefore, ineligible for consideration for this year’s scholarship program.

**Selection will be primarily made on the basis of financial need.** Additional evaluation will focus on academic standing (grade point average, SAT Scores), leadership potential and the articulation of your pride in (your) Polish heritage. Application must be completed and **postmarked by March 1, 2015**:

* Application form printed and filled out completely from website postmarked **by March 1, 2015.** **Please DO NOT SEND by Certified Mail. It will be returned.**
* An essay (approximately 250 words), which should express the applicant’s feelings as to why he/she should receive a scholarship grant and the importance and meaning of his/her Polish Heritage. This Word document must be submitted as an email attachment to: josietoo@comcast.net on or before **March 1, 2015**.
* One letter of reference from a teacher, professor, guidance counselor or professional contact.
* Transcript of grades in institution’s officially sealed envelope.
* Copy of applicants and/or their family’s most recent Federal tax return. [**Do Not** send originals! Please delete Social Security Numbers. Copies will be shredded unless you include a self-addressed stamped envelope.] **Please DO NOT SEND by Certified Mail. It will be returned.**

**IMPORTANT:** **In order to receive a scholarship, Finalists’ attendance is**

 **required on the following two dates:**

 Finalist Interviews – Saturday, **April 18, 2015**

 Scholarship Recipient Awards Ceremony – Sunday, **May 17, 2015**

Send completed application and supporting documents to:

**PHA Scholarship Committee
Marcia J. Wolf**

**21 Old Forge Court**

**Sparks, MD 21152**

If you have any questions please contact:

Marcia Wolf

Chair, PHA ScholarshipCommittee

E mail josietoo@comcast.net

**ALL CONTACT WILL BE BY EMAIL – PLEASE INCLUDE ONLY A WORKING EMAIL ADDRESS.**  The Polish Heritage Association of Maryland Scholarship Committee is not responsible for any miscommunication that could occur as a result of an applicant’s invalid email account.