



2008 COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

POLANKI's annual College Achievement Awards Competition recognizes students who have demonstrated high academic achievement and are committed to understanding, preserving, or disseminating Polish culture and/or language.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant should be:

1. a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident,
2. a junior, senior or graduate student in an accredited degree program during the 2007-2008 academic year,
3. a Wisconsin resident or attending a Wisconsin college or university, and
4. of Polish ancestry, OR studying Polish language, history, society, or culture, OR significantly engaged with Polish culture.

Successful applicants usually have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four point scale. An individual may receive a maximum of two awards in their academic career. Past winners may re-apply (1) as graduate students, if they previously received an award as an undergraduate; OR (2) if they have completed the course of study for which they received a past award and are pursuing a new degree in another accredited degree program.

The following awards are offered, in amounts ranging from \$750 to \$1,500:

- **UWM Polish American Scholarship Awards**
Open to University of Wisconsin Milwaukee students.
- **John R. Plewa Scholarship Award**
For an outstanding University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee student in history or political science.
- **Michael and Maria Laskowski Memorial Award**
For a graduate student at Marquette University or a senior intending to attend graduate school at Marquette, excluding the schools of dentistry and law. Marquette University matches the award with a tuition waiver.
- **Janet Dziadulewicz Branden Memorial Award**
For an outstanding student in Polish Studies.
- **Copernicus Award**
For an outstanding student in a science field.
- **Stanley F. and Helen Balcerzak Award**
For an outstanding student in any field.
- **Evelyn Appleyard Memorial Award**
- **Harriet Gostomski Memorial Award**
- **Arthur B. Gurda Memorial Award**
- **Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Memorial Award**
- **Polanki College Achievement Awards and Memorials**

PLEASE NOTE: When applying, you need not specify a particular award. The Awards Committee will automatically consider you for all applicable awards.

To apply, send to the address below:

1. the **original application form**, appropriately filled out,
2. **one official transcript** issued by the college, **for each college attended**,
3. **one copy each** of the essays required in questions 11 and 12 on the application form. NOTE: In preparing your essays, make sure to **follow closely and thoughtfully the instructions** in questions 11 and 12.

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Applications must be **postmarked no later than FEBRUARY 29, 2008**. Only complete applications will be considered.

Questions can be sent to the above address or by email: u_tempska@yahoo.com
The application form can also be downloaded from Polanki's web site at: www.polanki.org

***Awards will be presented at the annual
Polanki College Achievement Awards Tea on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 2:00 pm
at the Polish Center of Wisconsin – 6941 South 68th Street – Franklin, WI 53132***



Polanki

Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee

www.polanki.org

Please **type** or **print legibly**.

Essay questions (#11 & 12) **must be typed** and submitted on separate sheets of paper.

1. **APPLICANT'S NAME:** _____
First Middle Last

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
City State Zip

HOME PHONE :(_____) **EMAIL:** _____

2. **PARENTS' NAMES:** _____
Mother's Name Father's Name

ADDRESS: _____
City State Zip

HOME PHONE :(_____) **EMAIL:** _____

3. List any Polish ancestors or other links and connections to Poland:

4. **COLLEGE ATTENDING:** _____

DEGREE(S) SOUGHT: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____ (Check one) JUNIOR SENIOR GRADUATE STUDENT

MAJOR / AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: _____

5. If an undergraduate, do you plan to attend graduate school?: YES NO UNDECIDED

In what field?: _____ Where?: _____

6. _____
Previous college(s) attended Degree(s) Number of years attended

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7. **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES / ORGANIZATIONS:** _____

8. **HONORS / AWARDS:** _____

9. **POLISH LANGUAGE:** Describe the exposure you have had to the Polish language and to Polish culture, if any. If you have been exposed to the Polish language, describe your Polish language skills: _____

10. How did you find out about the Polanki College Achievement Awards? (Please check one below):

Polanki Member: _____ School Internet Other: _____

PLEASE NOTE: The following essay questions must be typed and submitted on a separate sheet of paper and attached to this application form. Please make sure to include your name on the attached essays.

11. Choose one of the following topics. **Research** the topic of your choice at your college **library**, on the **internet**, and elsewhere (if applicable), making sure to draw on **several sources of different kinds**. Apply your own careful, critical analysis to your research materials. Write an engaging, well-organized essay of **500-600 words** to present **your position** on the topic of your choice. In your essay, properly **identify all your sources and attribute opinions to authors or websites**. Clearly express and identify your own opinions as your own. **Include a list of all sources** you relied on when drafting your essay.

A. Poland's contribution to the art of film.

Choose a specific Polish director, actor, or film that has made a mark on the art of film in general. Describe and illustrate the nature and quality of that director's, actor's, or film's contribution. State and support your opinion about the effect of that contribution on audiences and/or filmmakers outside of Poland.

B. The great unknown... from Poland.

Discover a little-known Polish personality or a distinguished contributor to a field or an endeavor – someone other than Mikołaj Kopernik, Fryderyk Chopin, Maria Skłodowska-Curie, Lech Walesa, Tadeusz Kościuszko, Kazimierz (Casimir) Pułaski, or Pope John Paul II. Research that person. Describe and illustrate the greatness of that person and the uniqueness of his/her contribution to the world. State and support your opinion about the Polish roots of that contribution.

C. Polish letters and me.

Read and understand one Polish novel, poem, short story, or play. Research the author and the literary and cultural background of the work. Describe/summarize the piece, explain its cultural context, state your personal reaction to the piece, and offer thoughts about its appeal or value to American readers.

NOTE: If you become a winner of this year's College Achievement Awards Competition, POLANKI may wish to publish your essay(s), properly attributed to you as a winner, in its member newsletter. By submitting your essays, you agree to such publication.

12. In 100-150 words outline your personal, academic and professional plans for the future.

13. Please list any previous awards received from POLANKI, including the year(s).

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

IMPORTANT: *Alverno College Applicants:* You must ask the college to provide, along with your transcript, grades, a point average, a class rank, or some standard of your academic performance relative to that of other students.

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Via email: u_tempska@yahoo.com or via phone: **Urszula Tempska at (414) 332-1875.**