



2012 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 2011-2012 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. Individuals may receive no more than 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 may be offered, in amounts ranging from \$750 to \$1,500:

- **Stanley F. and Helen Balcerzak Award:** for an outstanding student in any field
- **Janet Dziadulewicz Branden Memorial Award:** for an outstanding student in Polish Studies
- **Copernicus Award:** for an outstanding student in a science field
- **Arthur B. Gurda Memorial Award**
- **Roseann Spieglinin Award**
- **George Niemczycki Memorial Award**
- **Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Memorial Award**
- **Evelyn Appleyard Memorial Award**
- **Edward and Rita Michalak Award**
- **Robert J. Leonard Memorial Award:** for a student engaged in dance or theater
- **Polanki College Achievement Awards and Memorial Awards**
- **UWM Polish American Scholarship Award:** open to UW-Milwaukee students
- **John R. Plewa Memorial Award:** for an outstanding UW-Milwaukee student in history or political science
- **Harriet Gostomski Memorial Award:** for a UW-Milwaukee student
- **Michael and Maria Laskowski Memorial Award:** for a graduate student or a senior intending to attend graduate school at Marquette University, excluding the schools of dentistry and law. Marquette University matches the award with a tuition waiver

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

To apply, send to the address below:

1. **one original application form**, appropriately filled out,
2. **one transcript** issued by the college, **for each college attended**,
3. **one copy each of the essays** required in questions 12 and 13 on the application form. NOTE: In preparing your essays, make sure to **follow closely and thoughtfully the instructions in questions 12 and 13.**

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P.O. Box 341458 – Milwaukee, WI 53234

Applications must be **postmarked no later than JANUARY 31, 2012**. 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 22, 2012 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.

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

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
City State Zip

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

I AM a U.S. citizen a legal permanent resident.

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

ADDRESS: _____
City State Zip

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

3. List any Polish ancestors or other links or 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. **KEY RELEVANT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES / ORGANIZATIONS:** _____

8. **KEY RELEVANT HONORS / AWARDS:** _____

9. **POLISH LANGUAGE:** Describe your exposure to and/or familiarity with the Polish language and Polish culture, if any.

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

Polanki Member: _____ School Internet Other: _____

11. Please list any previous awards received from POLANKI and state when you received them.

PLEASE NOTE: The following essays (questions 12, 13) must be **in English, typed, and submitted on separate sheets of paper** attached to this application form. Please make sure to include your name on the essays.

12. 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 explore **sources of different kinds**. **Understand** and **critically analyze** whatever you find through research. Write an engaging, well-organized essay of **500-600 words** to present **your position** on the topic you choose. 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 the sources** you relied on in writing your essay.

A. New Poland in the news.

Review recent (last 5 years) international news coverage about Poland and its society. Then write an informative report about one of the following aspects of Polish life and society in the very recent past: (1) Poland's administrative, economic, and cultural relations with the European Union; OR (2) the intertwining of Poland's culture, tourism and economy. Feel free to offer judicious, well-supported opinions and comparisons to other countries, but clearly focus your report on Poland.

B. Polish history in a broader context.

In an informative, well-researched and well-supported essay, describe an event in the history of Poland that was important in Polish as well as European history; OR in Polish as well as world history. Explain the event's significance for both Polish and non-Polish (European OR world) history.

C. Modern Polish culture and me.

Get to know and understand one Polish literary work, musical composition, or movie created in the past 10 years. Research the author(s) and the artistic-cultural background of the work. Then, in a well-written essay, describe the work (with its cultural context), state your personal reaction(s) to the work, and offer opinions about the work's appeal or value to non-Polish audiences.

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. You also agree to receiving your award, in person or by proxy, during the Awards Tea on April 22, 2012, at the Polish Center in Franklin, WI.

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

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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