



Polanki

Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee

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2025 COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

POLANKI'S annual College Achievement Awards recognize students who have demonstrated high achievement and who are committed to understanding, preserving, or disseminating Polish culture and or language.

Criteria:

1. U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
2. Junior, senior or graduate status during the 2023-2024 academic year in an accredited degree program
3. Current or past Wisconsin resident OR attending a Wisconsin college or university
4. Of Polish ancestry OR have studied Polish language, history, society, or culture OR significantly engaged in Polish culture
5. Minimum 3.0 GPA on a four-point scale preferred
6. Applicants are limited to no more than two awards in their academic career. Past recipients may reapply:
 - (1) as a graduate student if they previously received an award as an undergraduate
 - (2) if they completed the course of study for which they previously received an award and are pursuing a new degree in another accredited degree program

Award amounts range from \$1000 to \$5000, based on applicants' qualifications.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete Part 1 (see next page) by printing legibly using a black ink pen or typing on the application form.
2. Complete Parts 2-4 in English, typed, and submitted on separate pages attached to the form. Please include your name on each page.
3. Attach one college-issued **transcript** for **EACH** college attended (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).
Alverno College applicants: please request a class rank or some standard of your academic performance relative to that of other students.
Send your materials to: Polanki College Achievement Award, PO Box 341458, Milwaukee, WI 53234 **OR email** to info@polanki.org
4. **UWM applicants:** In addition to this application, UWM students who wish to be considered for the Victor Podlaski/UWM Polish Studies Award must also complete UWM's application at uwm.academicworks.com
5. Applications must be **postmarked or emailed no later than January 6, 2025**. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
6. Awards will be presented at the annual Polanki College Achievement Awards Tea on **Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 2 pm** at the Polish Center of Wisconsin, 6941 South 68th Street, Franklin, WI 53132. Awardees are expected to attend the Awards Tea to receive their award and, as part of the acceptance, to make a brief (1-2 minute) presentation about their academic background and their interest in Polish culture.

For additional information about the awards or to download an application form, go to www.polanki.org. Direct questions about the application procedure to joanne.barndt@gmail.com, (414) 962-5634 or to info@polanki.org.

2025 POLANKI COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

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

3. COLLEGE CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

(Check one) JUNIOR SENIOR GRADUATE STUDENT

DEGREE(S) SOUGHT: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: undergraduate _____ graduate (if applicable) _____

MAJOR / AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: _____

PREVIOUS COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED: _____

Degree(s) _____ Number of years attended _____

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

In what field? _____ Where? _____

4. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

a) COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS; your role and dates (years):

b) VOLUNTEER WORK/COMMUNITY SERVICE; your role and dates (years):

c) WORK EXPERIENCE; your position and dates (years)

5. KEY HONORS/AWARDS

6. Have you received a Polanki Award in the past? ___ NO ___ YES Year of Award _____

7. How did you learn about the Polanki College Achievement Awards? (Please check all that apply)

Polanki Member/Name: _____ School Internet Other: _____

Part 2 – POLISH HERITAGE

On a separate page, list any Polish ancestors or other connections to Poland

Part 3 – CAREER PLANS

On a separate page, in 100-150 words, describe your personal, academic, and professional plans for the future

Part 4 – ESSAY (attach a separate page)

In a well-written essay of no more than 750 words, discuss how your Polish heritage and/or your involvement with Polish culture has influenced your personal and academic development and what part you expect it to play in your future life course. Describe any special interests. **Include specific examples.**

Part 5 - SIGNATURE

If I become a winner, I agree to give permission to POLANKI to publish my essay (properly attributed to me as its author) in its member newsletter.

If I become a winner, I agree to receive my award in person or by proxy during the Awards Tea on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at the Polish Center of Wisconsin in Franklin, Wisconsin.

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