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# Polish American Journal Foundation 2025-2026 Kamylla and Czesław Kaszuba College Scholarship

Attached, please find instructions and application for the Polish American Journal Foundation (PAJF) 2025-26 Kamylla and Czesław Kaszuba Scholarship.

The scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students.

There will be one scholarship of \$1500.00, and one \$500.00 scholarship.

Applications will be accepted from June to August 31, 2025 with winner announced on September 30, 2025. Funds will be dispersed to the winners upon proof of full-time studies at an accredited institution.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicant must be an American citizen, either by birth or naturalization.
- Applicant must be of Polish or Polish American descent and demonstrate his/her descent.
- Applicant must be a full-time college student, currently enrolled at an accredited college/university in the United States, with confirmed future attendance at an institution in the Fall of 20255.
- Applicant must describe his/her involvement in the Polish American community.
- Complete application package must be received in its entirety no later than August 31, 2025.
- There is no application fee.

### Factors for Consideration in Order of Importance:

- Demonstrated interest and involvement in Polish American cultural activities with future plans to advance those interests.
- Significant and potential contributions (academic, cultural, scientific, civic), open to all career fields
- Academic and scholastic performance and achievements as demonstrated in application materials provided for examination.

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### **INSTRUCTIONS**

## Please submit the following Application Package:

- 1. Completed Application.
- **2.** Essay (see instructions on Application).
- 3. Copy of past year college/high school transcripts with current GPA. These do not need to be official if you can provide an online version.
- 4. Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member who is familiar with your academic endeavors.
- **5. Photograph** (passport size). JPG files accepted at 300 dpi resolution.

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### **ESSAY** (To be attached)

2025 marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi death camp, established by Germans in 1940 in the suburbs of Oswiecim, a Polish city annexed to the Third Reich by the Nazis. The camp — initially constructed as one more concentration camp similar to ones the Nazis had been setting up since the early 1930s — was established for the mass arrests of Poles, which filled local prisons beyond the capacity. It functioned in this role throughout its existence, even when it also became the largest of the extermination centers in 1942.

In 2000-2500 words, describe what conditions, ideologies, and ideas made the Poles targets of Nazi hatred, and how this led to their subsequent incarceration, enslavement, and extermination by the Third Reich. Compile a recommended bibliography of published books, articles, and essays specific to Poles in the Holocaust.

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#### **POLISH DESCENT**

MOTHER'S NAME				
MATERNAL GRANDFATHER NAME	(% POLISH)			
MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER NAME	(% POLISH)			
FATHER'S FULL NAME				
PATERNAL GRANDFATHER NAME	(% POLISH)			
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#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE LIST MEMBERSHIPS IN CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS (SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/CHURCH/ETHNIC/SPECIAL INTEREST, ETC.): LIST HONORS, AWARDS, AND SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

#### **VERIFICATION**

I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I UNDERSTAND THE PAJF SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE USED FOR EXPENSES RELATED SOLELY TO MY HIGHER EDUCATION. IF I FAIL TO COMPLETE MY FIRST SEMESTER, I SHALL FORFEIT THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND BE OBLIGED TO RETURN ALL FUNDS TO THE PAJF, PAYABLE IMMEDIATELY UPON WITHDRAWAL FROM SAID INSTITUTION. I CERTIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IN SUPPORT OF MY APPLICATION IS, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT. I AUTHORIZE THE PAJF TO VERIFY MY INFORMATION.

SIGNATURE DATE

N.B.: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED IN INK. REPLIES MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

RETURN ALL COMPLETED REQUIREMENTS TO: PAJF 2025-26 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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