

PREPARING TODAY'S YOUTH FOR TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES



Richard C. Gorecki Scholarships
2002-2003



A Scholarship Program of the Polish Falcons of America

The Richard C. Gorecki Scholarship Program

Since its inception, the Polish Falcons of America has been committed to the physical, emotional and educational development of young Polish Americans. Through a wide range of fraternal programs thousands of young Falcon members have been introduced to and taught the time-tested maxim — A Healthy Spirit In A Healthy Body. In 1962, the organization took another step in fostering a positive environment for children by instituting a scholarship program. Since then, more than 400 students have received a scholarship grant from the Polish Falcons.

Starting in 1999, a new scholarship program was introduced by the Polish Falcons. **The Richard C. Gorecki Scholarship Program** is named after a longtime member of Polish Falcons Nest 79 in Southgate, Mich. Druh Richard C. Gorecki was an outstanding scholar who graduated with a degree in engineering from the prestigious University of Michigan. Druh Gorecki passed away on April 14, 1994, and generously bequeathed a portion of his estate to the Polish Falcons for educational purposes. The Gorecki Scholarships are designed to reward those Falcon members who demonstrate the highest academic standards and leadership qualities.

THE PROGRAM

Outstanding Falcon Scholar—\$15,000 Grant

The primary grant of the Gorecki Scholarship Program is the Outstanding Falcon Scholar. This grant will be awarded to the applicant who demonstrates the highest leadership and academic qualities. If the judges feel there is no such applicant, the grant will not be awarded for that year.

In addition to the Outstanding Falcon Scholar, there are four other grants available for specific fields of study. They are:

1. Polish Studies—\$5,000

Major in Polish studies or Slavic studies with an emphasis on Poland

2. Physical Education—\$5,000

Major in sports-related field

3. Engineering—\$5,000

Major in engineering field

4. Other fields of study—\$5,000

For fields of study not listed

In recognition of Druh Gorecki's membership in Nest 79 and District XIII, additional funds are available if a recipient is a member of Nest 79, or of another Nest in District XIII.

Nest 79 Members—\$1,000

For applicants who receive a grant

District XIII Members—\$500

For applicants of Nests (other than Nest 79) in District XIII who receive a grant

JUDGING PROCESS

There will be a five-person Selection Board independent of the Polish Falcons of America. Decisions of the Selection Board are subject to the approval of the National Board of Directors.

The deadline for submitting applications and all supplemental material is March 30, 2002. (Postmarked by that date.) Announcement of the winners will be made after the May 2002 meeting of the PFA National Board of Directors.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Member for six years.
- B. Minimum G.P.A. 3.0 out of 4.
- C. Scholarships will only be available to students who will be at least a Junior, enrolled full-time in a four-year college or university, or full-time post-graduate studies.
- D. Previous recipients of a Starzynski Scholarship are eligible to apply for a Gorecki Scholarship. Recipients of a Gorecki Scholarship will not be eligible to apply for a Starzynski Scholarship, or another Gorecki Scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. Complete Scholarship Application
- B. Two-part essay from applicant, minimum 500 words for each part

Part One

What is the role of the Polish Falcons of America in American society and how can I contribute to the organization in the future?

Part Two

What are my education goals, and how will this scholarship help me attain these goals?

- C. Please include a recent photograph (black and white or color) for publication purposes in the *Sokol Polski*.

- D. Have the Transcript Request Form completed and returned with transcript to National Headquarters.

E. Falcon Involvement

Nest Recommendation Form accompanied by endorsement letter

F. Community Service

Community Service Form accompanied by endorsement letter

G. Letters of recommendation

Applicant must provide at least three letters of recommendation, i.e., school, church, employment, Falcon District, etc. Cannot be from the Nest, Community Service Organization from Section E above, or relatives. (Letters are to be sent directly to the Gorecki Scholarship Committee, not to the applicant.)

The deadline for submitting all material is March 30, 2002.

NOTE: The application and the photograph should be returned directly by the applicant. All other forms and letters are to be sent to National Headquarters by the individuals who complete and sign the forms and letters. The address is: PFA National Headquarters, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 615 Iron City Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4397. Application, forms and letters must be postmarked not later than March 30, 2002. For questions, the toll-free number is 1-800-535-2071.

PFA Scholarship Committee

Patricia B. Del Busse, Chairperson

Richard Anderson, John Bartus, Robert Billings, Catherine Mlynarczyk
and Marian Wesolowski

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APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Polish Falcons of America
615 Iron City Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4397
412-922-2244 • FAX 412-922-5029

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security No. _____

First and last name of parents or guardian _____

FALCON INFORMATION

Member of Nest No. _____ City/State _____

Date of Membership _____ Certificate No. _____

EDUCATION

Name of institution currently attending _____

Location (City/State) _____

Are you a full-time student? yes no In the Fall of 2001, this will be your _____ year.

Are you a graduate school student? yes no

Current Grade Point Average _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Expected date of graduation _____

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I am applying for the following (check one):

Polish Studies—\$5,000

Major in Polish studies or Slavic studies with an emphasis on Poland

Physical Education—\$5,000

Major in sports-related field

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Other fields of study—\$5,000

For fields of study not listed Name of field _____

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Nest 79 Members—\$1,000

For applicants of Nest 79 who receive a grant

District XIII Members—\$500

For applicants of Nests (other than Nest 79) in District XIII who receive a grant

Falcon Involvement

List your involvement in the activities and programs of the Polish Falcons of America. This can include Nest, District and National Programs. Include dates for all activities. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Community Service

List all your volunteer activities. Include dates for all activities. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Two-part essay from applicant, minimum 500 words for each part

Part One

What is the role of the Polish Falcons of America in American society and how can I contribute to the organization in the future?

Part Two

What are my education goals, and how will this scholarship help me attain these goals?

Letters of recommendation

Applicant must provide at least three letters of recommendation, i.e., school, church, employment, Falcon District, etc. Cannot be from the Nest, Community Service Organization that completed Community Service Form, or relatives. Letters are to be sent directly to the Gorecki Scholarship Committee, not to the applicant.

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NOTE: The application is the only form to be returned directly by the applicant. All other forms and letters are to be sent to National Headquarters by the individuals who complete and sign the forms and letters. The address is: PFA National Headquarters, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 615 Iron City Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4397. Application, forms and letters must be postmarked not later than March 30, 2002.

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CONFIDENTIAL NEST RECOMMENDATION FORM

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To Be Filled Out By Nest Officers Only

Name of Applicant _____ Nest _____

Please list the involvement of the individual in the activities and programs of the Polish Falcons. This can include Nest, District and National activities. Please detail all volunteer activities of the individual.

Program or Activity _____ Dates _____

Describe the work the applicant performed for the program or activity _____

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Use additional sheet if necessary.

On the Nest letterhead, please provide a letter of recommendation from your Nest and signed by at least two officers.

Name of person completing this form _____

We hereby certify that the above information is accurate and true.

Signatures _____
Nest President

Date _____
Nest Financial Secretary

Deadline for submitting this form is March 30, 2002. Please return this form and letter to: PFA National Headquarters, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 615 Iron City Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4397.

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TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

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STUDENT SECTION:

Please fill in the information below and submit this form to your Dean or Counselor

Submit an official transcript of academic records, **with affixed seal**, from school now attending.

This form and official transcript must be returned to:

Patricia Del Busse, Scholarship Chairperson, Polish Falcons of America, 615 Iron City Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4397.

Name _____
Student's full legal name—last name first

Address _____
City/State ZIP

Social Security No. _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

School Name _____ Phone () _____
Area Code and Number

Address _____
City/State ZIP

DEAN/COUNSELOR SECTION:(Complete sections that apply)

This is to certify that _____
(Student's name)

has attended the above named school from _____ to _____
(month and year) (month and year)

Expected Graduation Date: _____

This candidate ranks _____ in a class of _____.

Cumulative G.P.A. _____ through _____ semesters.

RECOMMENDATION: Please rank the student in the following categories:

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent (top 10%)	Outstanding (top 5%)
For academic promise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For character and personal promise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments concerning this candidate: _____

Dean/Counselor _____
(Signature and Title)

Date: _____

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COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

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A separate form is to be used for each organization.

Name of Applicant _____

Please provide details of the work this individual did for your organization (use a separate sheet if necessary)

Name of organization _____

Dates the individual worked for your organization _____

Description of volunteer work _____

How many hours per week did the individual volunteer? _____

Did the individual demonstrate any leadership qualities in your organization? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, please describe. _____

Did the individual receive any special recognition or award from your organization? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, please describe. _____

On the letterhead of your organization, please provide a letter of recommendation for the individual.

Name of person completing this form _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

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