

Reverend Louis Garbacik Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dear Dr. Anthony Conston, Principal H.A.H.S.

Enclosed please find our new (5) page set of applications package for student graduates from the class of 2024 who may be interested in applying for the Annual Father Garbacik Memorial Scholarship.

Please make copies of the application set as may be needed for interested student graduates and be certain to follow the guidelines on page 1, especially the April 29th deadline for submission to me by that date. (NO EXCEPTIONS to THIS DATE).

All awards will be presented at the 47th ANNUAL POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION on Sunday, October 20th 2024 at the site and time to be announced in the future. Some/or all award recipients may/will be asked to read one or two of their award winning essays, "WHY AM I PROUD OF MY POLISH OR POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE?" or "WHO DO I CONSIDER TO BE THE GREATEST POLE or POLISH AMERICAN and WHY?"

Past results of student historical family research has proven valuable as it has frequently revealed unknowns in family history.

Principal's and Guidance Counselor's are asked to make a general announcement so that student body members have an opportunity, if eligible, to submit their application.

Should there be any questions, please refer the interested party to me, Thomas Kopetskie, (570) 454-4397

Thank You for your support and interest.

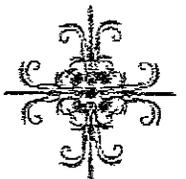
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Reverend Louis Garbacik Memorial Scholarship Fund Seeking Applicants for Annual Award

Thomas Kopetskie, President of the Reverend Louis Garbacik Memorial Scholarship Fund, has Announced that the Fund is seeking applicants for the annual scholarships to be awarded from the Fund. Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 - \$2,500 will be awarded to a male and a female high school senior from a high school located in the Greater Hazleton Area. Selection criteria will include, but not limited to, academic performance and class ranking, involvement in community, civic and church activities, and the objective evaluation of a required 1000 or more word essay pertaining to Polish and Polish American heritage, culture, ancestry and history, and recommendations from the principal, administrators, and guidance counselors at the applicant's school. Applications are available at local high schools or by contacting Thomas Kopetskie, President, at 570-454-4397.

The Scholarship Fund was established in memory of the late Reverend Louis Garbacik, a Roman Catholic priest in the Diocese of Scranton, who promoted Polish and Polish American culture, heritage and ancestry. Scholarships can be used for education expenses at any accredited post secondary course or technical school.

How are students selected?

Students are selected on the following basis:

- 1) Academic performance and class ranking
- 2) Active involvement in community, civic and church activities, with special consideration being given to those activities involving Polish or Polish American heritage and culture.
- 3) An objective evaluation of a required 1000 or more word essay related to Polish or Polish American heritage, culture, ancestry and history.
- 4) Recommendations from respective school principals, administrators, and guidance counselors.

Relatives of members of the selection committee and the respective school principals, administrators, and guidance counselors are not eligible for awards. Relatives of officers, directors, or substantial contributors are eligible for awards because of the independent controls in place over the selection committee.

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE HELD STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Note: Two separate essays of more than 1,000 words per essay on "Why Am I Proud of My Polish Heritage" and "Who Do I Consider To Be The Greatest Pole/Polish American in History and Why".

Schedule H - Organizations providing scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals and private foundations requesting advance approval of individual grant procedures

Reverend Louis Garbacik Memorial Scholarship Fund Annual Scholarship Application

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Briefly explain your claim to Polish ancestry. Please be specific, including the names of parents, grandparents and great grandparents of Polish ancestry.

Scholastic History: list schools you have attended.

Name	Years attended	Year graduated
Grade school _____	_____	_____
High school _____	_____	_____
Additional schools attended _____	_____	_____

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List any awards and honors you have won:	Year
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Briefly describe your outside work experience for the past academic year. Be sure to include the average number of hours worked per week.

Position	Date from (mo./yr.)	Date to (mo./ yr.)	Hours worked per week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Attach to this application at least a 1000 or more word essay explaining why you are proud of your Polish American heritage. The essay should be typed, double spaced, on one side of as many sheets of paper as is necessary.

_____ Applicant's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent's Signature	_____ Date
_____ School Principal	_____ Date

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Questions:

- 1) Only scholarships will be provided, no fellowships or loans will be provided.
- 2) One year scholarships in the individual amount of \$1,000 - \$2,500 total will be awarded to high school students who will attend an accredited public or private two or four year college or technical school upon graduation. The purpose of the scholarships will be to offset the student's cost of attending such post secondary schools. No scholarships will be awarded to students for the purpose of attending private high schools.
- 3) No educational loans will be awarded.
- 4) The program will be publicized through direct contact with the principal, administration, and guidance departments of the public and private high schools located in the Greater Hazleton, PA geographic area. In addition, public service announcements will be sent to local television, print, and radio media outlets that serve the previously noted schools.
- 5) specific criteria used to determine who is eligible include:
 - Recipient must have at least one parent, grandparent, or great grandparent of Polish or Polish American ancestry.
 - Recipient must be a high school senior graduate and fulfill all of the requirements to receive a diploma from a Pennsylvania high school.
 - Recipient must be enrolled in accredited two or four year college or technical school.
- 6) Specific selection criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Academic performance and class ranking.
 - Active involvement in community, civic, and church activities with special consideration being given to those activities involving Polish or Polish American heritage and culture.
 - An objective evaluation of a required 1000 or more word essay related to Polish or Polish American heritage, culture, ancestry and history.
 - Recommendations from respective school principals, administrators and guidance counselors.