



ESSAY COMPETITION 2018

The Polish Heritage Association of Michigan City Scholarship

The Polish Heritage Association of Michigan City was established in November 2011 to increase awareness of Polish and Polish-American heritage. The Association organizes the annual Polish Heritage Festival at the Friendship Botanic Gardens (formerly the International Friendship Gardens) in Michigan City, tends the Polish Garden at the Gardens, offers an annual scholarship competition, and contributes an annual gift to a charity such as a local homeless shelter. It is also currently engaged in restoring the Ignacy Jan Paderewski bust scheduled for unveiling in Spring 2018 at the Polish Garden in the Friendship Botanic Gardens (formerly the International Friendship Gardens).

Purpose: The goal of The Polish Heritage Association of Michigan City scholarship program is to support students pursuing their education at the high school or college level and to raise awareness about Poland, Poles and Polish Americans.

Award: Applicants are eligible for **1st Place (\$1,000)**, **2nd Place (\$500)**, or **3rd Place (\$100)** awards.

Eligibility: Open to any high school or college student legally residing in Northwest Indiana (Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Starke, St. Joseph Counties). Applicants do not need to be of Polish ancestry.

Application Procedure:

Applicants should submit an essay of no more than three pages if single-spaced and six pages if double-spaced on the topic of "Ignacy Jan Paderewski and the Re-Birth of Polish Independence in 1918"

Applicants must supply a complete application form.

Application Submission: Applications should be submitted electronically to Prof. Janusz Duzinkiewicz at jduzinkiewicz@pnw.edu or through the USPS no later than April 27, 2018.

Selection Criteria: Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. Decisions are made by a committee based on how well the applicant's essay addresses the topic. Preference will be given to essays that (1) directly address the topic, (2) relate the material to their own lives, (3) are well organized, (4) show evidence of some research, (5) are accurate in content, and (6) are clearly written in correct, standard English. All applicants will be notified of the selections at the email address they provide with their application.



POLISH HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN CITY

SCHOLARSHIP



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Essay Competition:

“Ignacy Jan Paderewski and the Re-Birth of Polish Independence in 1918”

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

e-mail: _____

Please mail the following to the address given below:



Essay



Completed Entry Form



Proof of School Registration



Address: jduzinkiewicz@pnw.edu.

- or -

Prof. Janusz Duzinkiewicz
Department of History & Philosophy
Purdue University Northwest
Westville, IN 46391

Only completed entries will be considered. Deadline: 27 April 2018.

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I affirm that the information provided is accurate and the essay submitted is entirely my own work.

Name _____

Date _____