



GORECKI CHECK LIST

Be certain to INCLUDE the following:

- Completed and Signed Application
- Essays (2)
- Photo (1)

Follow up and be sure the following have been submitted for you:

- Official Transcripts
- Community Service Form(s) and Letters
- Nest Information Form and Letter
- Letters of Recommendation (at least three)

ALL paperwork must be postmarked by

April 15, 2021

Contact Druhna Trish at
vptrish@polishfalcons.org
or 1-800-535-2071



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 1,200 students have received a scholarship grant from the Polish Falcons.

This scholarship program was introduced by the Polish Falcons in 1999. 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

Three \$10,000.00 grants will be awarded if there are qualified applicants.

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 Additional
For applicants who receive a grant

District XIII Members—\$500 Additional
For applicants of Nests (other than Nest 79) in District XIII who receive a grant

JUDGING PROCESS

There will be a five-person non-Falcon Selection Board. Decisions of the Selection Board are subject to the approval of the National Board of Directors.

The decisions of the selection committee are final. Neither the selection committee, nor the staff, will release justification for recipient selections.

The deadline for submitting applications and all supplemental material must be postmarked by April 15, 2021. Announcement of the winners will be made after the May meeting of the PFA National Board of Directors.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Benefit Member for at least four years in good standing.
- B. Minimum cumulative G.P.A. 3.0 out of 4.0 scale must have been maintained throughout their Sophomore year.
- C. The Gorecki Scholarship is only available to full-time students enrolled in an accredited four year public or private college or university who are at least a Junior. Full time post graduate students may also apply.
- 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. (One-time only grant.)
- E. All grants must be collected by the 2023 Fall semester.
- F. National Dues must be current.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

Essay One

What impact did a specific Falcon or community activity have on you?

Essay Two

What are your educational goals and why do you deserve this grant?

- C. Please include a recent photograph (black and white or color, digital photo preferred) for publication purposes in the Sokol Polski and PFA Website.
- D. Have your college or university send a transcript to PFA National Headquarters.
- E. Falcon Involvement
Nest Information Form accompanied by an endorsement letter.
- F. Community Service
Community Service Form accompanied by an endorsement letter.
- G. Letters of Recommendation
Applicant must provide at least three letters of recommendation, i.e., school, church, employment, Falcon District, etc. Recommendation **cannot** be from relatives, the Nest or Community Service Organization from Section E and F above. (Letters must be sent directly to the Gorecki Scholarship Chairperson, **not to the applicant.**)

All materials must be submitted and postmarked by April 15, 2021.

NOTE: The application and the photograph should be submitted 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, ATTN: Druhna Del Busse, 1016 Greentree Road, Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-3125.

For questions, the toll-free number is 1-800-535-2071, ask for Druhna Trish, or e-mail vptrish@polishfalcons.org.

PFA Scholarship Committee:
Patricia B. Del Busse, Chairperson

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APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail: _____

FALCON INFORMATION

Falcon Nest Number: _____ 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 2021: Jr. Sr. Graduate

Current Grade Point Average _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Expected date of graduation _____

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*CONFIDENTIAL NEST
INFORMATION FORM*

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To Be Filled Out By A Nest Officer 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 sheets if necessary.

Please provide a letter of recommendation from your Nest on Nest letterhead and signed by at least two Officers.

Name of Officer completing this form (please print) _____

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

Signatures _____

Nest President

Date _____

E-Mail Address

Nest Officer

E-Mail Address

Deadline for submitting this form is April 15, 2021. Please return this form and letter to: PFA National Headquarters, Attention: Druhna Del Busse, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 1016 Greentree Road, Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-3125.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

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A separate form must 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 Worked _____

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

Name of person completing this form _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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