



**THE  
POLISH HERITAGE CENTER  
AT PANNA MARIA**

## Bishop John W. Yanta Academic Scholarship

### **Eligible Participants:**

Students with Direct Connection to the early Polish Immigrations to Texas.  
Recently Accepted to or Actively Enrolled at any Texas university or college.

### **Award:**

Scholarships Awarded Yearly - Up to \$10,000.

### **Criteria:**

Candidate must be a practicing Catholic and submit a letter of recommendation from your parish priest.

Candidate must be an active member of a Polish Student Club or organization, be involved in Community Events, and commit to support the Polish Heritage Center in Panna Maria via internship or assigned projects.

Candidate will submit a completed application by the deadline and is required to participate in a zoom video interview.

### **Essay Topic:**

“Your Polish Heritage and the History of Your Connection to the Polish Immigrations to Texas.”

### **Deadline:**

**February 26,2026**



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Carefully read the REQUIREMENTS on this page. SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY AND COVER PAGE as separate documents to [director@polishheritagecentertx.org](mailto:director@polishheritagecentertx.org), before the deadline.

YOUR COVER PAGE must include: Name of the Scholarship Applying for, Your name, address, email, phone number, name and address of the school you attend, name and address of the financial office at the university you attend or will attend, AND email of the high school counselor (if you are a high school student).

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT WRITE ANY OF YOUR PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION ON YOUR ESSAY PAGES.**

### **REQUIREMENTS – READ CAREFULLY**

- Compose a 500 –700-word essay using proper English, grammar, punctuation, and spelling; Double-spaced in PDF. If you are chosen, PHC will then require an editable copy of your essay.
- Include in your essay the story of your family’s immigration to Texas from Poland, milestones in your family history, involvement in Polish- interest activities, and Polish cultural efforts, traditions, and heritage shared by your family.
- Discuss the pride of being a Polish Texan.
- Discuss contributions you have made to further your Polish heritage.
- Include awards, recognitions, and achievements you have received.
- Discuss how your Polish heritage has influenced you.
- Include your word count for your essay at the bottom of your cover page.
- Your essay should be original and not used in or submitted to another scholarship contest, such as the Polish American Council of Texas, Polish National Alliance (PNA) Kosciuszko Foundation or the Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation.



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**EXTRA CONSIDERATION GIVEN FOR:** Volunteering for a minimum of 2 hours with a Polish-interest or multicultural organization or event within one year prior to this application. Include a document signed by an event organizer listing the name of the event, phone number, hours worked, and the nature of the work. PHC reserves the right to publish any essay submitted with the author's consent.