

Polish American Council of Texas

Essay Contest—THREE \$1000 Scholarships!



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Essay Topic:

"A Polish Texan's Story"

Eligible Participants:

Students of any ethnicity, any faith, enrolled in a Texas

- High school—in Grade 12 only**
- University—Undergraduate**
- University—Graduate**

Awards:

One \$1,000 college scholarship to EACH category above

Deadline:

April 3, 2019

PACT reserves the right to publish any winning essay with credit given to the author. With permission, a photo of the winning student will be published in the Directory of Polish American Culture in Texas, an annual publication of the PACT, distributed in Texas, U.S.A. and Poland. Entries will be judged by a committee of PACT Directors, including university professors and professionals. Award checks will be made payable to schools only.

Email entry with your complete name, address, email, phone number, name of school you attend, and university you will attend (check will be made payable to your chosen university); on a separate page to: PACofTexas@yahoo.com

Important:

Do not write any personal identification on essay pages.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

- Focus on one person currently living in Texas, who is either Polish or of Polish descent.
- Compose a 400-700 word essay about your subject, using proper English, grammar, punctuation, and spelling. double spaced. Include the name and date of interview.
- Include up to 3 photos. (optional)
- Include the story of their (or their ancestor's) immigration to Texas from Poland, biographical information, milestones, involvement in Polish-interest activities, organizations and Polish cultural efforts.
- Discuss the subject's challenges as a Polish Texan.
- Mention any Polish traditions the person practices and whether or not he/she speaks Polish.
- Discuss the person's contributions to furthering and strengthening Polish heritage and culture in Texas.
- Note any awards, recognitions or achievements related to Polish culture.
- Note this person's home town in Texas, and in Poland, if they lived there.
- **Include a bibliography.**
- **EXTRA CONSIDERATION GIVEN FOR** Volunteering for a minimum of 2 hours with a Polish-interest or multi-cultural organization or event. Include a document signed by an event organizer listing name of event, phone number of person signing the document, date of event, hours worked, nature of work; and a photo of applicant at the event, if possible.
If this is not possible, provide an explanation; we will review on a case by case basis.