

2025 Suzanne Marie Margaret Sloat Youth Literary Competition

Contest Rules:

1. Open to all 4th -12th grade students attending any Michigan school.

2. Awards are given in three levels of competition. Students starting these grade level for 2025-26 school year:

Level II: 4th – 6th Grade Level III: 7th – 9th Grade Level III: 10th – 12th Grade

- 3. All entries must be original short stories based on the assigned theme. "My adventures with a famous person of Polish descent or Polish Legend or Mythological Creature"
- 4. Entries must be original, not previously published or awarded in any other competition. All entries must be typed, double spaced, 500 1000 words. Participants may submit only one entry. Entries may be in English or in Polish. No Artificial Intelligence (AI) is permitted.
- 5. Send entries to: info@friendsofpolishart.org along with the attached "Entry Form/Permission Slip".
 - Email subject line: Polish Youth Literary Competition Submission
 - Please put your name only on the "Entry Form/Permission Slip".
 - Your literary submission should be a Word or PDF attachment.
- 6. **Deadline for entries is Friday, August 15, 2025.** Award recipients will be notified by September 15, 2025, and announced at the October FPA General Membership Meeting.
- 7. Prizes:

Level I: 1st Place \$100; 2nd Place \$75; 3rd Place \$50 Level II: 1st Place \$125, 2nd Place \$100; 3rd Place \$75 Level III: 1st Place \$150, 2nd Place \$125; 3rd Place \$100 (1st Place Award for Level III will be matched by ACPC, for a total of \$300.)

8. Winning stories may be published on the Friends of Polish Arts website and/or in the FPA newsletter. Submission of stories constitutes a copyright license to the Friends of Polish Arts (FPA) to publish and/or reprint the winning stories should FPA choose to do so without royalties or other fees. By submitting the story, the entrants represent that they have the right to grant this license.

Questions: Contact Pamela Saunders via email at pksaunders1@msn.com with subject line: Polish Literary Competition.