



Fine Arts Scholarship Application for 2026

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student Applicant E/Mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth: _____ US Citizen: Yes No

State of Michigan Resident: Yes No

(1) List the names of your parents or your other Polish Ancestors and/or (2) a brief statement of your connection to the Polish community (language, culture, traditions, history):

Polish Ancestry: _____

Polish Community: _____

Form W-9 (IRS) to be completed upon request at a later date.

B. TRANSCRIPT: Request an official transcript with an official seal of the institution and have it sent to the following address;

Scholarships
c/o Friends of Polish Art
2615 12 Mile Road, Suite 118
Berkley, MI. 48027-1627

Or have it sent electronically from the institution to email address: bjmalski@gmail.com

C. EDUCATION INFORMATION: Please enclose the following information:

- High School/College/University
- Degree and Major pursuing
- Year of study: at present and next fall
- GPA

D. SCHOLASTIC HONORS:

Please list on a separate sheet of paper, all academic awards and the year they were received. Do not send copies of each of your awards.

E. ACTIVITIES:

On a separate sheet of paper list all school and community activities and positions held. In particular, describe any participation in Polish American activities.

F. REFERENCES:

Submit at least two (2) letters of recommendation: one from your counselor or from a non-related person who can attest to your character and extra-curricular activities, and a second from a faculty member from your field of study. Recommendations must be on letterhead, signed and written in English and dated on or after Sept. 1, 2024.

NOTE: Recommendations must be on letterhead, addressed to the FPA Scholarship Committee, written in English and signed.

G. ESSAY:

Tell us how this scholarship will help you realize your goals and aspirations, how you chose to pursue your education in your field of interest, and who/what inspired you. Essay should be double spaced and between 275 - 300 words.

Note: Please do not mention your financial situation

H. ESSAY(extra credit):

Write an essay (100 word minimum) of a popular or favorite piece of art created by a Polish/Polish American or about a notable Polish/Polish American artist (fine art, performance, literature, etc.). Tell us what you know of the piece of art (style, technique, composition, etc.) or artist (origin, education, awards, etc.).

PLEASE NOTE:

In order to be eligible for an award, this application with all required documentation must be received no later than April 24, 2026 (faxes not accepted). Winners will be notified on or before May 22, 2026. All awards will be made payable to the recipient and to the institution to which he/she is enrolled. You may apply for only one type of scholarship, the Mitchell Scholarship or the Lillian & Chester Mitchell FPA Fine Arts Scholarship. You may not apply for two scholarships in a given year.

Past recipients of the FPA Fine Arts Scholarships and non-Michigan residents are not eligible to apply. The Friends of Polish Art reserves the right to not award a scholarship(s) should there not be a qualified applicant.

Recipients (or a family representative) must attend when the awards are presented at a general membership meeting of the Friends of Polish Art. In 2026, this is tentatively scheduled for the week of May 24. The time and location will be announced.

I agree that the statements are true.

Signature_____ Date ____/____/____

Applications: The application packet must include your completed application and all material requested in sections C through H above (with section H optional). Send to the following address:

FPA Fine Arts Scholarships
C/o Friends of Polish Art
2615 12 Mile Road, Suite 118
Berkley, MI 48072-1627

All materials submitted by applicants will become part of the records of the Friends of Polish Art and will not be returned. Late, incomplete or unsigned applications will not be accepted or returned for correction. The decisions of the FPA Scholarship Committee are final and not subject to review.