

2017 PSFCU/GE Scholarship under the Patronage of the President of Poland Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. ***Who can apply for the PSFCU Scholarship Program?***

The PSFCU/GE Scholarship under the Patronage of the President of Poland is open to any PSFCU member who account was opened before December 31, 2015 and is a current full-time undergraduate student with a cumulative Grade Point Average (**GPA**) of at least **3.50**. (*Current high-school students or graduate students are not eligible*). The recipients must be US citizens or permanent residents.

2. ***What is the itinerary for the internship once in Poland?***

For security reasons, the full itinerary will be made public to winners only. However, prospective plans include meeting President of Poland Andrzej Duda, tour of the Presidential Palace, meetings in the US Embassy, tour of the Polish Parliament, meetings with various government officials, tour of the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising, tour of Belvedere Palace, tour and meetings with representatives from Telewizja Polska SA, tour of Krakow and Wieliczka, Museum at Auschwitz-Birkenau, Czestochowa, Zakopane and tours with meetings in Polish factories including GE Polska, ORLEN and other exciting events!

3. ***When is the trip planned and when will I be informed if I am the winner?***

Winners of this program will be informed as soon as early April in order for them to have enough time to arrange their schedule accordingly. Award recipients will fly out on May 24th and return on June 4th, 2017.

4. ***If I win, who will be making my flight arrangements?***

Winners will purchase airline tickets and health insurance for their stay in Poland and send invoices to affirm their travel plans to PSFCU. Awards in the amount of up to \$2,000 will be distributed during the Scholarship Award Ceremony planned for June 2017 after the students' return to the United States.

5. ***Must I have an account with PSFCU?***

Yes, membership in PSFCU (primary owner of the account) **established prior to January 1, 2016** is required for eligibility in the PSFCU Scholarship Program.

6. ***I am currently in graduate school. May I apply?***

No, this program is open only for current full-time undergraduate students.

7. ***I won the PSFCU Scholarship in the past. May I apply again?***

Yes! This program is available for all past winners of our scholarship programs as long as they meet this program's criteria.

8. ***What are the criteria for grading my Scholarship Application?***

Scholarships will be awarded based on involvement in the Polish-American community, academic achievement and extracurricular activity.

9. ***I am a freshman in college. What transcripts should I include?***

Current college freshmen must send their current college transcript AND a copy of their high school transcript as well.

10. ***Who should write my reference?***

Per the application, a letter of reference must be written by a leader in the Polish community that knows the candidate and can exemplify as well as illustrate your dedication to community organizations, causes and Polish-American interests. Please note that recommendations from family members are not permitted. Please indicate below the names and contact numbers of the person(s) whom you asked to write your letter.

11. ***What language should the essay and recommendation be written in?***

All documents must be in English.

12. ***How many copies of the application must I mail?***

Please mail 4 copies of your completed application along with a single copy of the supporting documentation.

13. ***Where should I send the application?***

Please mail 4 copies of the completed application together with a single copy of the supporting documentation to:

**PSFCU Scholarship Committee
9 Law Drive
Fairfield, NJ 07004**

14. ***May I leave my application in a PSFCU branch?***

No. All applications along with supporting documentation must be mailed to the address provided in the application. Faxed, e-mailed and hand delivered (left in PSFCU branches) applications will not be considered.

15. ***The individual writing my recommendation and schools wish to send my official transcript and/or recommendations to PSFCU. Where should they mail the documentation to?***

Transcripts and recommendation letters from school can be mailed to the same address students must mail their application to (listed above). If your professors will be mailing the documents directly, PSFCU will wait for the documents to complete your application. However, all documentation must be postmarked March 1, 2017. **Late documentation will not be considered.**

16. ***When is the deadline for application submission?***

The deadline for submitting applications is **March 1, 2017**. The applications must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2017**.

17. ***I have additional questions, who should I call?***

Please send all inquiries to scholarships@psfcu.net or feel free to contact Kinga Gutowski, Training Specialist at 973-808-3240 ext.6247.

Good Luck!