



Gorecki check list

Be certain to INCLUDE the following:

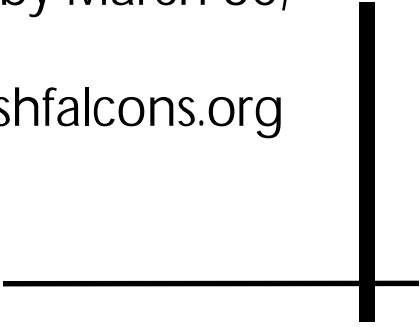
- Completed and Signed Application
- Essay (two)
- Photo

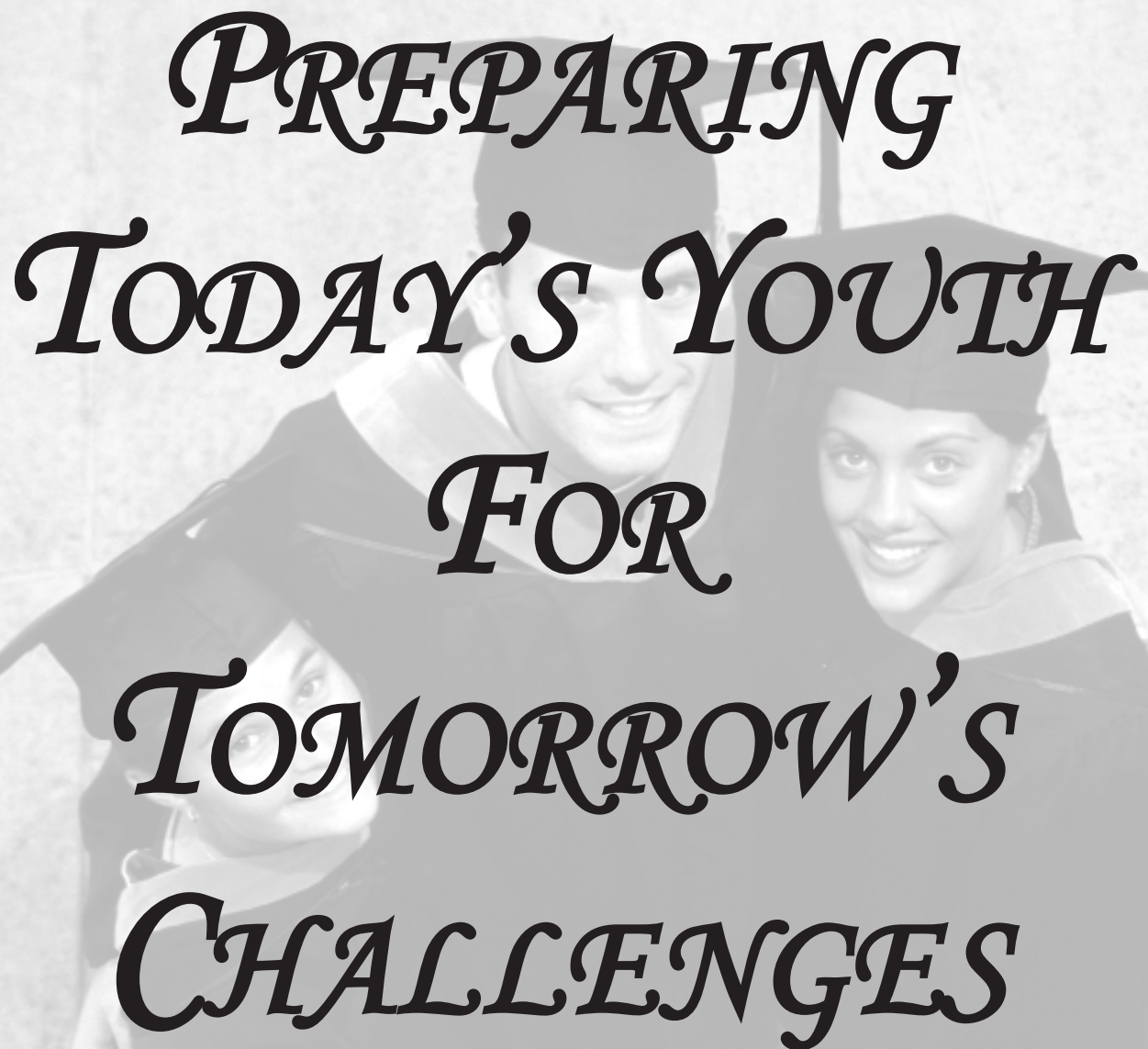
Follow up and be sure the following have been submitted for you:

- Official Transcripts
- Community Service Form(s) and Letters
- Nest Information Form and Letter
- Letters of Recommendation (at least three)

ALL paperwork must be postmarked by March 30, 2010.

Contact Druhna Trish at vptrish@polishfalcons.org or 1-800535-2071.





*PREPARING
TODAY'S YOUTH
FOR
TOMORROW'S
CHALLENGES*

2010-2011

Richard C. Gorecki Scholarships

*A Scholarship Program of the
Polish Falcons of America*

The Richard C. Gorecki Scholarship Program

Since its inception, the Polish Falcons of America has been committed to the physical, emotional and educational development of young Polish Americans. Through a wide range of fraternal programs, thousands of young Falcon members have been introduced to and taught the time-tested maxim — A Healthy Spirit In A Healthy Body. In 1962, the organization took another step in fostering a positive environment for children by instituting a scholarship program. Since then, more than 1,200 students have received a scholarship grant from the Polish Falcons.

Starting in 1999, a new scholarship program was introduced by the Polish Falcons. **The Richard C. Gorecki Scholarship Program** is named after a longtime member of Polish Falcons Nest 79 in Southgate, Mich. Druh Richard C. Gorecki was an outstanding scholar who graduated with a degree in engineering from the prestigious University of Michigan. Druh Gorecki passed away on April 14, 1994, and generously bequeathed a portion of his estate to the Polish Falcons for educational purposes. The Gorecki Scholarships are designed to reward those Falcon members who demonstrate the highest academic standards and leadership qualities.

THE PROGRAM

Outstanding Falcon Scholar—\$15,000 Grant

The primary grant of the Gorecki Scholarship Program is the Outstanding Falcon Scholar. This grant will be awarded to the applicant who demonstrates academic leadership qualities and Falcon participation. If the judges feel there is no such applicant, the grant will not be awarded for that year.

In addition to the Outstanding Falcon Scholar, there are other grants available.

1. Engineering—\$5,000

Major in Engineering field

2. Sports Related Field—\$5,000

Major in Sports-related field

3. General—\$5,000

For fields of study not listed above (Note: More than one scholarship may be awarded in these categories depending upon the number of applicants).

In recognition of Druh Gorecki's membership in Nest 79 and District XIII, additional funds are available if a recipient is a member of Nest 79, or of another Nest in District XIII.

Nest 79 Members—\$1,000 Additional

For applicants who receive a grant

District XIII Members—\$500 Additional

For applicants of Nests (other than Nest 79) in District XIII who receive a grant

JUDGING PROCESS

There will be a five-person Selection Board independent of the Polish Falcons of America. Decisions of the Selection Board are subject to the approval of the National Board of Directors.

The deadline for submitting applications and all supplemental material is March 30, 2010 (post-marked by that date). Announcement of the winners will be made after the June 2010 meeting of the PFA National Board of Directors.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Benefit Member for at least six years.
- B. Minimum G.P.A. 3.0 out of 4.
- C. Gorecki Scholarships will only be available to students who will be at least a Junior, presently enrolled full-time in a four-year college or university, or full-time post-graduate studies.
- D. Previous recipients of a Starzynski Scholarship are eligible to apply for a Gorecki Scholarship. Recipients of a Gorecki Scholarship will not be eligible to apply for a Starzynski Scholarship, or another Gorecki Scholarship. (One-time only grant, regardless of category.)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. Complete Scholarship Application.
- B. Two-part essay from applicant, minimum 500 words for each part.

Part One

What is the role of the Polish Falcons of America in American society?

Part Two

What are my educational goals and why do I deserve this grant?

- C. Please include a recent photograph (black and white or color) for publication purposes in the *Sokol Polski*.
- D. Have your college send a transcript to PFA National Headquarters.

E. Falcon Involvement

Nest Information Form accompanied by endorsement letter.

F. Community Service

Community Service Form accompanied by endorsement letter.

G. Letters of Recommendation

Applicant must provide at least three letters of recommendation, i.e., school, church, employment, Falcon District, etc. Cannot be from the Nest or Community Service Organization from Section E above, or relatives. (Letters are to be sent directly to the Gorecki Scholarship Chairperson, not to the applicant.)

The deadline for submitting all material is March 30, 2010.

NOTE: The application and the photograph should be returned directly by the applicant. All other forms and letters are to be sent to National Headquarters by the individuals who complete and sign the forms and letters. The address is: PFA National Headquarters, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, ATTN: Druhna Del Busse, 381 Mansfield, Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-2751. Application, forms and letters must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2010. For questions, the toll-free number is 1-800-535-2071, ask for Druhna Trish, or e-mail vptrish@polishfalcons.org, or visit our website; www.polishfalcons.org.

PFA Scholarship Committee

Patricia B. Del Busse, Chairperson

Edward Ciesla, William Junk, Christine Puskar and Wallace Zielinski

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APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail: _____

FALCON INFORMATION

Falcon Nest Number: _____ City/State: _____

Date of Membership _____ Certificate No. _____

EDUCATION

Name of institution currently attending _____

Location (City/State) _____

Are you a full-time student? yes no In the Fall of 2010: Jr. Sr. Graduate

Current Grade Point Average _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Expected date of graduation _____

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I am applying for the following (check one):

Engineering—\$5,000

Major in Engineering field

Sports-Related Field—\$5,000

Major in Sports-related field

General—\$5,000

For fields of study not listed above Name of field _____

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CONFIDENTIAL NEST INFORMATION FORM

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To Be Filled Out By Nest Officers Only

Name of Applicant _____ Nest _____

Please list the involvement of the individual in the activities and programs of the Polish Falcons. This can include Nest, District and National activities. Please detail all volunteer activities of the individual.

Program or Activity _____ Dates _____

Describe the work the applicant performed for the program or activity _____

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Use additional sheet if necessary.

On the Nest letterhead, please provide a letter of recommendation from your Nest and signed by at least two Officers.

Name of Officer completing this form (please print) _____

We hereby certify that the above information is accurate and true.

Signatures _____

Nest Officer

Date _____

Email Address

Nest Officer

Email Address

Deadline for submitting this form is March 30, 2010. Please return this form and letter to: PFA National Headquarters, Attention: Druhna Del Busse, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 381 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-2751.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

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A separate form is to be used for each organization.

Name of Applicant _____

Please provide details of the work this individual did for your organization (use a separate sheet if necessary)

Name of organization _____ Dates Worked _____

Description of volunteer work _____

How many hours per week did the individual volunteer? _____

Did the individual demonstrate any leadership qualities in your organization? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, please describe. _____

Did the individual receive any special recognition or award from your organization? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, please describe. _____

On the letterhead of your organization, please provide a letter of recommendation for the individual.

Name of person completing this form _____

Address _____

Phone and Email Address _____

Signature _____

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