



Richard C. Gorecki Scholarship Program

2026 Application Packet

Applicant Checklist:

All applicants must include the following...

1. Completed Application
2. Essays (3)
3. Photo
4. Official Transcripts
 - a. Mail to: *PFA National Headquarters, Attn: Druhna Del Busse, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 1016 Greentree Rd., Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-3125*
5. Nest Information Form with Optional Letter
6. Letters of Recommendation (3)
 - a. Mail to: *PFA National Headquarters, Attn: Druhna Del Busse, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 1016 Greentree Rd., Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-3125*

All items must be submitted by **March 15, 2026**.

Application packet with all required attachments (*except Official Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation*) should be returned **via email** to Patricia Del Busse, National Vice President, at vptrish@polishfalcons.org.

For questions, please contact Druhna Trish at 800-535-2071 or vptrish@polishfalcons.org.

Thank you!

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

FALCON INFORMATION

Member of Falcon Nest Number: _____ City/State: _____

Date of Membership: _____

EDUCATION

Name of Institution Currently Attending: _____

Location (City, State): _____

Are you a full-time student? Yes _____ No _____ In the Fall of 2026: Jr. _____ Sr. _____ Graduate _____

Current Grade Point Average: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Please note:

- Three \$10,000.00 grants will be awarded if there are qualified applicants.
- An additional grant is 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 of Nest 79 who receive a grant.
- District XIII Members — \$500 Additional
 - For applicants of Nests (other than Nest 79) in District XIII who receive a grant.

FALCON INVOLVEMENT/COMMUNITY SERVICE

List your involvement in the activities and programs of the Polish Falcons of America. This can include Nest, District, and National Programs. Also, list your involvement in activities within your community. Include dates for all activities. Use an additional sheet if necessary.

ESSAYS

Choose three (minimum of 200 words each):

- What is your greatest strength or weakness and why?
- Greatest challenge you have overcome and how.
- Personal achievement that makes you proudest.
- Favorite book, movie or song and why?
- Who is your role model (non-family) and why?

Attach files with application packet.

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 relatives. **Letters are to be sent directly to the Gorecki Scholarship Committee, not to the applicant.** Mail to: *PFA National Headquarters, Attn: Druhna Del Busse, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 1016 Greentree Rd., Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-3125*

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Nest Information Form *(may be filled out by the applicant)*

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: _____ Date(s): _____

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

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Optional: Please provide a letter of recommendation from your Nest on the Nest letterhead and signed by at least two Officers. Mail to: *PFA National Headquarters, Attn: Druhna Del Busse, Gorecki Scholarship Committee, 1016 Greentree Rd., Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-3125*

Nest Officer Name: _____ Title: _____

Nest Officer Signature (optional): _____ Date: _____