

**POLONIA CENTRE ACADEMIC AWARD APPLICATION**  
**FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS - 2026**

The Polonia Centre Academic Awards encourage and support students of our Polish community in their pursuit of higher education. Involvement in the Polish and/or Windsor Community is taken into consideration, as is academic achievement.

**Criteria of Eligibility:**

- Student of the Polish community in Essex County
- Accepted to, *or currently attending*, a Graduate program leading to a degree from an accredited university (in any jurisdiction)
- Permanent resident of Essex County
- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident

**Required Documents:**

1. Fully completed 2026 application form
2. Copy of Undergraduate Degree
3. Original **Official** Transcript in a sealed envelope
4. Letter of Acceptance to a Graduate Program (*if commencing in September*)
5. Letter of Reference from an Instructor (on Institution's letterhead in a sealed envelope)
6. Two passport size photographs with your name printed on the back
7. Evidence of Canadian citizenship or Permanent Residence

**Deadlines:**

Application must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on **July 31, 2026** to Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc, c/o the Global Maintenance Office, 5101 South National Street.

**Incomplete submissions will be returned**

**Please Note: Recipient or parent must be in attendance  
at the Gala of Excellence to receive the Award**



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** *(Post Secondary only)*

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Your Involvement</u>

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY** *(Post Secondary only)*

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hours / Week</u>

**ESSAY:** Please respond to the following question in English. All submissions should be written in essay style with particular attention to spelling, grammar, punctuation and literary convention. Approximate length is 250 words.

*Intro:* Poland has experienced many periods of persecution and has emerged victorious. The country has maintained it's identity amidst turmoil and domination by foreign powers. In the end, Poland was able to maintain it's presence on the world scene and place at the world table.

*Question:* Why are you proud of your Polish Heritage?

**DECLARATION**

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I permit the use of my photograph in any promotional material and the posting of my Essay on the website [www.poloniawindsor.ca](http://www.poloniawindsor.ca) as deemed appropriate by Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. I understand that I, or a parent, must accept the Award in person at the Gala of Excellence.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_