

Notes to Candidates for THE CHICAGO SOCIETY FOUNDATION James and Lillian Kulze Scholarships for Illinois Students

Program Description

The Chicago Society Foundation is a tax-exempt foundation affiliated with the Chicago Society of the Polish National Alliance, Lodge #1450 of the Polish National Alliance. The Foundation will be funding up to three scholarships of \$7,500 each to qualified undergraduate or graduate students pursuing full-time studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. Scholarships will be awarded for academic year **September 2018 – May 2019**. Selection of Kulze Scholarship winners will be made on a competitive basis by the Foundation.

More information about The Chicago Society and the Foundation may be found at our website, www.chicagosocietypna.org.

Eligibility

United States citizens or legal permanent residents, of Polish ancestry, with demonstrated financial need, who reside in the State of Illinois and who have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent. Only one member per immediate family may receive a scholarship during any given academic year.

Selection Criteria

Selections are based on application completeness, recommendations, academic excellence and achievements, interests and motivation, the applicant's essay, and interest in Polish subjects/involvement in the Polish American community. Financial need is a requirement for an award. The location of attending institution is not considered. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, determined in the sole discretion of the Foundation. Scholarships are available to college, graduate or professional school students who will be continuing their studies into the academic year beginning in the Fall 2018.

A complete application includes the following materials:

- A–Scholarship Application and Financial Aid Form
- B–Statement of Purpose/essay;
- C–Official Transcripts; and
- D–Two Letters of Reference.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Notes:

- **A** – The Scholarship Application and the Financial Aid Form are attached to this description.
- **B** - In the Statement of Purpose/essay discuss your actual or intended major, and academic and career goals. Your statement of purpose is to be no longer than three typewritten pages, double spaced, 12 font, signed and dated on the last page. Include your full name and page numbers on each page of your statement. The Statement is an important component of your application, so please prepare it thoughtfully.
- **C** -Submit official transcripts for at least one full year of academic work through Summer 2017, and Fall semester 2017 when available, Submit official transcripts via email to kulzescholarship@chicagosocietypna.org or via USPS
- **D**- Submit two confidential letters of reference from academic sources. Letters must be written on school/university letterhead and should be sent by professors directly to the Foundation via e-mail to kulzescholarship@chicagosocietypna.org or via USPS.
- **Other** – The Foundation retains discretion to require evidence of the required Polish ancestry. Your application submission indicates your consent to publish your Statement of Purpose/essay in the Society’s monthly Newsletter to its members in the event you are awarded a Scholarship. The Foundation cannot confirm receipt of materials by phone but will notify an applicant by email when a complete application has been received. All materials submitted become the property of the Foundation and will not be returned.

Send hard copy documents to: *Kulze Scholarships Committee, Chicago Society Foundation, c/o Walter M. Piecewicz, 1103 North Lombard Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302 email:* kulzescholaship@chicagosocietypna.org

Documents accepted via USPS include: *Any or all of the application submissions.*

Documents accepted via e-mail include: *Recommendation letters; Financial Information Form, transcripts*

Deadline for application and supporting materials: January 22, 2018 *(the deadline will be strictly observed, except that Fall semester 2017 official transcript is to be submitted when available)*

Notification of results is made in writing on or about the last week in April 2018.

Changes in contact information after submission of application materials may be forwarded via e-mail to kulzescholarship@chicagosocietypna.org

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Kulze Scholarship Application

The Foundation tab found on the Chicago Society's website [www.chicagosocietypna.org] provides the template forms needed to apply for a Kulze Scholarship, and sets out Eligibility, Selection Criteria, Notes to complete the Application form, deadlines (which will be strictly applied) and other useful information and guidance to complete your application for a Kulze Scholarship.

I, _____ have read and understand the conditions of the Kulze Scholarships as explained in the current *Notes to Candidates for the Chicago Society Foundation James and Lillian Kulze Scholarships for Illinois Students*. I affirm that I plan to pursue a career as presented in those documents. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration in the Kulze Scholarship program. I understand that this application will be available only to members of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee. I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf. I affirm that all of this application is my own work, and that I am an Illinois resident of Polish ancestry. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date _____ Signature _____

Legal name in full _____
(Print/Type) Last Name First Name M.I.
Permanent residence _____
Number, Street, and Apartment Number

City State ZIP
Your address at school _____
(if different) Number, Street, and Apartment Number

City (if studying abroad, add country) State ZIP

How is permanent residence established?
(At least two must apply.)
 Home address for school registration
 Place of registration to vote
 Family's primary residence
 Other: _____
Home telephone _____
School telephone _____
(if different)
E-mail address _____
Date of birth _____ Age _____
Month/Day/Year

(Check one) I am a U.S. citizen U.S. permanent resident

Enter father's and mother's names (including maiden name) and address(es):

Name of attending institution _____

Current cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

Your undergraduate major(s) _____

Number of college credits earned to date _____ Total number of credits required for graduation _____

Expected date to receive baccalaureate degree _____ Degree you will receive _____

Graduate degree(s) sought _____ Concentration(s) _____

Name _____

- 1. List the secondary school from which you graduated and all higher education institutions attended. Include summer, study-abroad, exchange programs and your current institution.**

School	Location	Dates Attended
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- 2. List college and high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.). List in descending order of significance. List no more than eight college/high school activities.**

College Activity	Dates	Offices
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High School Activity	Dates	Offices
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- 3. List public service and community activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.). Do not repeat items listed previously. List in descending order of significance. Please note that involvement in the Polish American activities is of particular, although not exclusive, interest. You may list up to five.**

Activity	Role	Dates	of Weeks Active
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Name _____

4. List any government activities (internships with government agencies, partisan political activities, ROTC/military, etc.). List student government under Item 2.

Activity	Role	Dates	# of Weeks Active
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5. List part-time and full-time jobs and nongovernment internships since high school graduation.

Type of Work	Employer	Dates	Average # of Hours/Week
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6. List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions you have received. List in descending order of significance, not to exceed five.

7. As discussed in the Notes to Candidates under Notes (B), provide a separate Statement of Purpose/essay, not to exceed three pages, typed, double-spaced, 12 font, discussing your actual or intended major and academic and career goals. It will be helpful to interweave in your Statement your interest in Polish subjects and/or involvement in the Polish American community. Please adhere to the other requirements listed in Notes (B).

Name _____

8. What are the three most significant courses you have taken in preparation for your career?

9. What additional personal information do you wish to share with the Foundation in its consideration of your Application? Please do not exceed three or four paragraphs.

Note: An Application will not be complete without submission of the Financial Information Form, as financial need is a required component for a Kulze Scholarship award.

THE CHICAGO SOCIETY FOUNDATION JAMES AND LILLIAN KULZE SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FORM

Name Last	First	Maiden (if applicable)
Marital status	Applicant type (first time/renewal)	Number of dependents (if applicable)

Complete sections 1 & 2 based on income and expenses for 2016

1	Income	Annual Income
a	Your net earnings	
b	If single, parents' net earning	
c	If married, spouse's net earnings	
d	Rental income	
e	Dividend/interest income	
f	Other (please specify)	

2	Expenses	Annual Expenses
	Do you own a home?	Yes No
a	Annual housing payment (rental/mortgage)	
b	Utilities	
c	Food & Clothing	
d	Medical expenses/insurance	
e	Auto loan	
f	Public transportation	
g	Debts/loan payments	
h	Student loan payments made	
i	Other (please specify)	
j	Other (please specify)	

Complete # 3 & 4 based on academic year 2017-18. You may use budget figures provided by your university.

3	Applicant's Educational Expenses	Expenses for Academic Year 2017-18
	Name of University	
a	Total Tuition and fees	
b	Housing	
c	Books and Supplies	
d	Other (please specify)	
e	Other (please specify)	

4	Sources of Financial Aid	Amt applied for	Status granted/denied/pending
a	Grants & tuition waivers expected/applied for		
b	Loans expected/applied for		
c	Scholarship (source:)		
d	Scholarship (source:)		
e	Scholarship (source:)		
f	Other (please specify)		
g	Other (please specify)		

If you have not applied for financial aid and/or do not expect to apply for financial aid, please attach a separate sheet with an explanation.

5	Household Members Name	Relationship to applicant	Age	Tuition (if student)
a		self		
b				
c				
d				
e				
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Certification by applicant:

I certify that the information supplied by me on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I authorize the selection committee to process, review and discuss my application materials.

Signature _____

Date _____