**PHA Scholarship 2018 Application Checklist**

To insure that your application is complete please refer to this checklist. Please note that failure to complete this application and/or submit the following items may cause your application to be considered incomplete and, therefore, ineligible for consideration for this year’s scholarship program.

**Selection will be primarily made on the basis of financial need.** Additional evaluation will focus on academic standing (grade point average, SAT Scores), leadership potential and the articulation of your pride in (your) Polish heritage. Application must be completed and **postmarked by March 1, 2018**:

* Application form printed and filled out completely from website postmarked **by March 1, 2018.** **Please DO NOT SEND by Certified Mail. It will be returned.**
* An essay (approximately 250 words), which should express the applicant’s feelings as to why he/she should receive a scholarship grant and the importance and meaning of his/her Polish Heritage. This Word document must be submitted as an email attachment to: phaofmd@gmail.com on or before **March 1, 2018**.
* One letter of reference from a teacher, professor, guidance counselor or professional contact.
* Transcript of grades in institution’s officially sealed envelope.
* Copy of applicants and/or their family’s most recent Federal tax return. [**Do Not** send originals! Please delete Social Security Numbers. Copies will be shredded unless you include a self-addressed stamped envelope.] **Please DO NOT SEND by Certified Mail. It will be returned.**

**IMPORTANT:** **In order to receive a scholarship, Finalists’ attendance is**

 **required on the following two dates:**

 Finalist Interviews – Saturday, **April 14, 2018**

 Scholarship Recipient Awards Ceremony – Sunday, **May 20, 2018**

Send completed application and supporting documents to:

**PHA Scholarship Committee
John Gustin**

**P.O. Box 12190,**

**Baltimore, MD 21281**

If you have any questions please contact:

John Gustin

Chair, PHA Scholarship Committee

Email: JGustin2@yahoo.com

**ALL CONTACT WILL BE BY EMAIL – PLEASE INCLUDE ONLY A WORKING EMAIL ADDRESS.**  The Polish Heritage Association of Maryland Scholarship Committee is not responsible for any miscommunication that could occur as a result of an applicant’s invalid email account.