

Polish Heritage Society of Rochester

Literary Competition 2018

Entry Rules

The objective of the program is to develop an increased awareness and appreciation of Polish culture. For this year's competition, students are asked to submit an essay discussing a significant event in Poland's history since 1918.

1. The competition is open to high school students—grades nine through twelve—in the Rochester NY area. Entrants need not be of Polish descent.
2. Prizes will be awarded to one student from each of the four grade levels. The author of the essay determined to be best by the panel of judges will receive an award of \$1000 (\$500 from the Polish Heritage Society of Rochester and a matching award of \$500 from the American Council for Polish Culture Wachtel Literary Competition). The other three authors will each receive a prize of \$200. A total of four prizes will be awarded (one for \$1000, three for \$200).
3. The year 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of Poland's independence in 1918. The essay should discuss one or more of the significant events that Poland has faced since then (for example World War II, The Holocaust, The Solidarity Movement, the rise of Populism). It should be 600 words or longer. All sources must be cited. At least one source must be a first person interview either with:
 - a. An individual who has experienced the event, or:
 - b. An individual who has firsthand knowledge through academic study or family connections.
4. All reference sources must be cited.
5. Entry forms and copies of these rules may be found on our website:
PolishHeritageRochester.org
6. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 23, 2018
7. Entries should be mailed to:

Polish Heritage Society of Rochester
Skalny Welcome Center; St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618
Attention: Literary Competition
8. Additionally, a copy should be sent via e-mail to essay@PolishHeritageRochester.org.
9. Along with their essay, students should complete the entry form (which includes contact information: name, home address, phone number, e-mail address, grade level, high school attended and how they learned of the competition).
10. The essay must be written in twelve point type, double spaced, on 8 ½ x 11 white paper.
11. Entries will be evaluated on the basis of originality, depth of research, writing quality, and overall impression. Judging will be done by a panel appointed by the Polish Heritage Society of Rochester. The panel's decision will be final.
12. Winners will be announced in May, 2018.