

“THE POLISH EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP”

A UNIQUE CROSS-CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

PROVIDED BY THE POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF ROCHESTER

PURPOSE

The Polish Heritage Society of Rochester is now offering a scholarship program for summer study in Poland. Eligible college students may apply for a three-week study program at the University of Nicholas Copernicus in Toruń, Poland. The program is designed to expose students to the culture, language, history, historic sites, traditions and people of Poland. It is hoped that completion of this program will motivate students to more deeply understand the daily life of Polish people and promote Polish issues, traditions and culture.

TORUN, POLAND

Torun Web Site: www.torun.pl

Toruń is one of the best-preserved Gothic towns in Poland. A wealthy hanseatic port and the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus the astronomer, it retains much of its old splendor in its magnificent ancient buildings, churches, streets, squares and museums. Its medieval setting (UNESCO listed) is enhanced by picturesque surroundings. The city stretches along the Vistula River, about 130 miles northwest of Warsaw. Toruń has very good transport connections by train and bus with Warsaw.

The history of the city begins in 1233 when Toruń was first granted its municipal rights. The Old Town and the New Town, originally separated by walls and a moat, gradually developed and merged in the fifteenth century. The Old and New Market Squares, so popular nowadays, are remnants of those two medieval centers over which towered a powerful castle of the Teutonic Knights.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NICHOLAS COPERNICUS

University Web Site: www.fil.umk.pl/skijpdo/

The Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń was founded in 1945 and is the biggest university in northern Poland. It has been granted the distinction of being among the five best universities in Poland. The university employs over 4,100 people including 2,030 scholars. Approximately 40,000 students are now being educated in 50 fields of studies, 100 specializations, over 130 courses and post-graduate studies, and 16 doctoral studies.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM

1. Eligible Students will enroll for a two or three week course of study at the University from July 4-18 or July 4-25, 2010.
2. Classes include 30 hours per week of Polish language instruction and Polish culture and history. Most lectures are in Polish. Classes are held Mondays – Fridays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
3. Supervised trips to historical sites in and around Toruń (Poznan, Gniezno and Gdansk).
4. On-campus living accommodation includes a double room with shared bathrooms.
5. Breakfast and lunch are provided as part of the room and board cost.
6. Various after school hour programs are available for student participation.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

PHSR will reimburse up to \$1000 of the travel expenses actually paid by the student.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE POLISH EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- 1. This scholarship is open to students of Polish descent who have received a one-year \$1000 scholarship from PHSR including freshmen. Each student can apply only once in any of their four consecutive years.**
- 2. A student must have a grade point average of 2.5.**
- 3. A student must have completed satisfactorily the second semester project that was approved by the October deadline, with final submission and approved by March 1, 2010.**
- 4. A student must have provided official transcripts of grades in keeping with required deadlines.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications may be obtained by:

- A. Visiting the PHSR web site at polishheritagerochester.org.
- B. Mailing a request for application to the Scholarship Committee, PHSR, Skalny Welcome Center, St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618
- C. Contacting Maria Weldy at 266-6690, mweldy@frontiernet.net
or John Haluch at 657-7708, Jlh42@frontiernet.net

2. The deadline for application submission is May 20, 2010.

The applications must be submitted together with the copies of the airline tickets and travel insurance by mailing to The Scholarship Committee in care of PHSR address.