The Scholarship Requirements for the 2008-2009 Junior and Senior Year Undergraduate College Academic Scholarship Program recommended by the Scholarship Committee are printed below. Please read these requirements before completing and signing the application and all required additional forms in English.

Application forms and all other pertinent information are available from the P.W.A. of A. Headquarters office, from your District President or the PWA website www.pwaa.org. At headquarters, you may call Ms. Sharon Zago, Vice President and Scholarship Chairman at 6643 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068 or by calling toll free 1-888-522-1898 Ext 208 or direct 847-384-1208. You may also e-mail Ms. Zago at vpres@pwaa.org. Completed applications must be signed by the District President. Any applications that are incomplete will be disqualified for this school year. (i.e., missing essays, unanswered questions or incomplete answers to questions)

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a member of Polish Women’s Alliance of America for at least five (5) years, be in good standing, and have at least $3,000 in insurance coverage with P.W.A. of A. If the applicant has less than the required $3,000, they may apply for more insurance in order to comply with the requirements before the deadline date of May 15, 2008. Term certificates, endowments, annuities, and certificates with any outstanding loans are EXCLUDED from eligibility.

2. If you are awarded a scholarship, you understand and agree that you must keep a minimum of $3,000 insurance coverage in force for ten (10) years from the date you received your most recent scholarship from PWA of A. Such policy shall not be on extended term, with no outstanding loans, or cash withdrawals against such policy, otherwise the amount of all grants shall be deemed a loan and a lien, to the extend thereof, on the applicant-member’s certificate or certificates.

3. Applicants may apply for scholarships during their sophomore and junior year of full-time undergraduate study. Awards are given on the junior and senior year level of undergraduate study. Students applying for this scholarship must attend school on a full time basis or 24 credit hours per school year. Students may apply for up to two (2) years of scholarships starting with the 2008-2009 scholarship program. Full time students attending non-traditional educational programs such as trade schools, union-apprenticeship programs, culinary arts schools, etc., may also apply for scholarships. Note that these applications will be reviewed and approved on an individual basis. (Additional information may be requested from the applicant for non-traditional programs by the Scholarship Committee.)

4. An essay is to be completed by the applicant and is required with the application. It should be typed, and may be on a separate sheet of paper, with the applicant’s name and address on it. Please staple your essay to your application. The subject of the essay is listed on the application form. You must use your word count feature at the end of the essay to indicate on your essay that you did reach 300 words or more. The Media/Photo Release form should be signed and completed as part of the application accompanied by 2 wallet size photos of applicant.

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5. The applicant must secure the signature of the District President on the application form. The completed application, required essay, photos, and any required insurance application must be received (postmarked) by the District President NO LATER THAN May 15, 2008. After signature approval by the District President the Documents will then be forwarded to Ms. Sharon Zago at headquarters (postmarked) NO LATER THAN May 30, 2008.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE!!!

6. Please remember incomplete, unsigned or late applications, will not be accepted or returned for corrections. The applicant will forfeit the chance for a scholarship that Year!!! Any false or misleading documents will result in the disqualification of consideration of the applicant.

7. Applicants will be judged on a point system based on their cumulative grade point average of “B” or higher and the content of their essay. (See scholarship application for further information on required proof of cumulative GPA.) The Scholarship Program School Year 2008-2009 has been budgeted up to five (5) qualified awards of $1,000.00 each from National Headquarters.

8. Two (2) signed and dated letters of recommendation from your current semester professors at the university you are now attending should be attached stating why they believe you should be awarded this academic scholarship.

9. Polish Women’s Alliance of America cannot be held responsible for any lost applications or the related paperwork. Students are encouraged to e-mail Vice President Sharon Zago at vpres@pwaa.org to be sure application has been received at least one week before the deadline to the District President.

9. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to any review.

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