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**James and Wanda Trefil Science Scholarship**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Drs. James and Wanda Trefil Science Scholarship provides funding of $5,000 to a qualified undergraduate student for full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university in the United States. The scholarship will be awarded for academic year **September 2016 - May 2017**.  The selection of the scholarship winner is made on a competitive basis by the Kosciuszko Foundation.

**ELIGIBILITY**

United States citizens of Polish descent and Polish citizens with permanent residency status in the US who have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and who shows exceptional promise in the natural sciences.  Applicants may be high school seniors, undergraduate freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Only one member per immediate family may receive a tuition scholarship during any given academic year.  *This scholarship is non-renewable.*

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selection is based on academic excellence, the applicant's academic achievements, interests, motivation, interest in Polish subjects and involvement in the Polish American community. Financial need is taken into consideration.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

**A complete application includes the following materials:**

* A - Completed Scholarship Application forms;
* B - Statement of Purpose;
* C - Official Transcripts;
* D - Two confidential Letters of Reference;
* E - Letter of Acceptance/Admission (for incoming freshmen);
* F - Proof of Polish Ancestry;
* G - Passport-size photo;
* H - $35 non-refundable application fee.

**Notes:**

* **A** - To review the application, click [here](http://www.thekf.org/kf/scholarships/tuition/science/TU-application-2016-2017). Prepare supporting materials (items B-essay, F-proof of Polish ancestry, G-photo, and the financial information form) prior to completing the on-line application form. Follow all file naming conventions posted.  Complete the  scholarship application form by scrolling down to the click here to apply bottom at the bottom of this page. Submit your application fee with the checklist to the Kosciuszko Foundation.
* **B** - In the Statement of Purpose discuss your major, specialization and academic goals.  A minimum of three pages, double spaced.  Include your full name, "Science17" and page numbers on the upper right hand corner of each page of your statement.  Save your file as "Science17-essay-lastname-first name" and upload it to the on-line application form.
* **C** -Submit official transcripts for the last three full years of academic work through Summer 2015; Submit official transcripts via US postal service.  Please see below for address.
* **D**- Submit two confidential letters of academic reference from professors / teachers. Letters should be written on school/university letterhead and may be sent directly to the Kosciuszko Foundation;
* **E** - Graduating high school seniors: submit a copy of your letter of acceptance to college.  Letters may be submitted via US postal service or e-mail to Addy@thekf.org through May 15th;
* **F** - Submit proof of Polish ancestry.  Upload supporting documents such as birth certificates, passports, naturalization papers and other official documents to show your lineage to the ancestor who was born in Poland.  Highlight relevant names in supporting documents.  If documentation is not available, a letter from a prominent member of the community verifying your Polish ancestry will be accepted. Letters from relatives are *not* accepted;
* **G** - Submit a passport-type photo of yourself (full-face) which is suitable for publication in the Kosciuszko Foundation's Newsletter. Electronic photos may be uploaded to the on-line application.  Save file as "Science17-photo-lastname-firstname"
* **H** - Submit $35 non-refundable application fee together with the [Checklist](http://www.thekf.org/kf/scholarships/tuition/pnab/TUchecklist-16) to the KF.  Please make your check or money order payable to the Kosciuszko Foundation.

**Additional notes:**

* The KF **cannot** confirm receipt of materials by phone.
* Do **not** staple check to Checklist.

**Submit materials to:**

*Addy Tymczyszyn
Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.
15 East 65th Street
New York, NY 10065

Tel. (212) 734-2130 ext. 210****Deadline Dates:***

***March 1, 2016****- Application, Financial Information Form, Statement of Purpose,  photo, transcripts, letters of recommendation, proof of Polish descent and $35 non-refundable application fee with checklist.*

***May 15, 2016****- copy of your college/university Letter of Acceptance.*

***Notification of results****is made in writing on or about****May 29, 2016****.*

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**THE ONLINE APPLICATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN.**



You will need to upload several documents to complete the online application:

1. A 2" by 2" passport sized full-faced photograph of yourself.
2. Statement of purpose.
3. [Financial information form.](http://www.thekf.org/kf/scholarships/tuition/science/FIF-16)
4. Proof of Polish ancestry.
5. Resume or Curriculum Vitae (optional).

***When the on-line application period is closed, write to Addy@thekf.org and ask to be added to the Drs. James and Wanda Trefil Science Scholarship mailing list for the next scholarship cycle.****We will add your e-mail address to our list for one year.  At the appropriate time, you will receive notification when the new application cycle is open.*

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