

# *Westchester Pulaski Association Inc.*



## **THE RONALD L. BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Ronald ("Ron") Lawrence Baker graduated Drexel University in 1980 with a chemical engineering degree. He was later employed as a chemical engineer at EcoChem Analytics. Ron was a loving father, devoted husband, family member and dedicated friend to Polonia. He was proud of his Polish heritage and volunteered as the longest running President of the Westchester Pulaski Association, Inc. from 1998 to 2015. The Ronald L. Baker Memorial Scholarship has been created in honor of our former President, an individual who was committed to engineering and also heavily involved in the Polish American community in Westchester County.

This scholarship is available to college students of Polish ancestry majoring in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics ("STEM") related field.

### **Eligibility for the scholarship award is based upon the following qualifications:**

- 1) The applicant must be of Polish descent (i.e. one or more parents or grandparents).
- 2) The applicant must be a resident of Westchester County (parents must reside in Westchester County if applicant is attending an undergraduate program outside of the county or state).
- 3) The applicant must be matriculated in an undergraduate program leading to a degree in STEM. High school seniors will not be considered for the scholarship. Freshman enrolled in an undergraduate degree will be considered, however priority will be given to student farther along in their STEM education.
- 4) The applicant must have earned a cumulative grade point average ("GPA") of 2.5 or higher each term after the first semester.
- 5) Financial need of the applicant will be taken into consideration.
- 6) All applications must be fully completed and postmarked or received by the Scholarship Committee no later than March 15, 2024. All applications become the property of the Westchester Pulaski Association Inc.

### **These one year awards will be distributed to the recipients as follows:**

- 1) A single payment will be made. This is a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$750.
- 2) The award will be paid directly to the recipient.
- 3) All decisions of this Association's Scholarship Committee are final.
- 4) The Scholarship Committee will not award scholarships to applicants who are not qualified and reserves the right to not award a scholarship in a given year.
- 5) Notification to the recipients will be made approximately two weeks prior to the Annual Scholarship Luncheon held on April 14, 2024 in Yonkers, New York.
- 6) To maximize the impact of this funding, students receiving full scholarships from other sources are not eligible.

**Completed application forms must be postmarked or received by March 15, 2024.** Applications can be obtained by contacting the Westchester Pulaski Association, Inc. PO Box 1294 Yonkers, NY 10703-8294 Attn: Scholarships Committee, by visiting our website at [www.westchesterpulaskiassoc.com](http://www.westchesterpulaskiassoc.com) or by e-mail request to [lucy.okrutniak@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.okrutniak@gmail.com). Completed Applications should be sent through USPS mail. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be considered.

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## **RONALD L BAKER STEM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**STUDENT'S FULL NAME (MR / MISS)**

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**STUDENT'S ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

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**FATHER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCCUPATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCCUPATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' FAMILY NAMES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

(To identify Polish heritage include maiden names if appropriate)

**MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' FAMILY NAMES**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**POLISH HERITAGE THROUGH WHICH  
GRANDPARENTS**

\_\_\_\_\_

(At least one Grandparent must be of Polish Ancestry)

**OTHER SIBLINGS RESIDING AT HOME:**

NAME_____	AGE_____	SCHOOL/OCCUPATION_____
NAME_____	AGE_____	SCHOOL/OCCUPATION_____
NAME_____	AGE_____	SCHOOL/OCCUPATION_____
NAME_____	AGE_____	SCHOOL/OCCUPATION_____

**EDUCATION SUMMARY**

**HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED**\_\_\_\_\_

**DATES OF ATTENDANCE:**\_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL GPA:**\_\_\_\_\_  
(if freshman applying for scholarship, please include an official high school transcript in an original sealed envelope)

**COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY CURRENTLY ATTENDING:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR IN SCHOOL (CIRCLE ONE)   FRESHMAN   SOPHOMORE   JUNIOR   SENIOR**

**EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE**\_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT GPA:**\_\_\_\_\_  
(please include an official transcript from the Office of the Registrar in an original sealed envelope or have it sent directly to address on page 1 of this application)

**MAJOR OF STUDY:**\_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT INVOLVMENT SUMMARY

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY & HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES:**\_\_\_\_\_

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**HONORS/AWARDS:**\_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFICES HELD IN CLASS OR SCHOOL ORGANIZATION (COLLEGE OR HIGH SCHOOL):**

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**OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/OFFICES HELD, AWARDS:**\_\_\_\_\_

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**CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**\_\_\_\_\_

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# FINANCIAL NEED EVALUATION

NAME OF COLLEGE

TUITION & FEES   ROOM & BOARD   OTHER EXPENSES

ACADEMIC YEAR TOTAL

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR PARENTS 2022 OR 2023 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN.

YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE EVALUATED AS TO FINANCIAL NEED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION. IF SUBMITTED WITHOUT TAX RETURN, YOUR APPLICATION CAN ONLY BE EVALUATED FOR A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS OFFERED WHICH DO NOT HAVE FINANCIAL NEED AS A CRITICAL COMPONENT

## SOURCES OF EDUCATION FUNDING

PARENTS OR RELATIVES	\$ _____
SAVINGS OR TRUSTS	\$ _____
EMPLOYMENT	\$ _____
SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS	\$ _____
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ _____
LOANS	\$ _____
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____
FAMILY HOME (OWN OR RENT)?	_____

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

PLEASE INDICATE INFORMATION BELOW FOR THE LAST TWO (2) YEARS

DATES

JOB DESCRIPTION

HOURS WEEKLY

TOTAL YEARLY EARNINGS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER FINANCIAL FACTORS:

## ESSAY

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION A TYPED ESSAY CONSISTING OF A MINIMUM OF 300 WORDS DESCRIBING THE REASON YOU CHOSE YOUR FIELD OF STUDY, YOUR PROFESSIONAL ASPIRATIONS, AND HOW YOUR CULTURAL IDENTITY HAS SHAPED YOUR LIFE.

Please provide a current photograph (e.g. yearbook type). In the event the applicant receives a scholarship, this photo will appear in the Awards Journal that will be distributed at the Awards Luncheon event. All recipients receive a complementary ticket to this event. We are unable to return photos.