



ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

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The Joseph Burkacki Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Burkacki Endowed Scholarship, established in 2019, honors and preserves the important Polish heritage of the Orchard Lake Schools by providing scholarship awards to qualified students. The Fund utilizes annual distributions from the Fund, preserving the principal of the fund to aid future students and perpetually honor Mr. Burkacki. Student recipients, known as "Burkacki Scholars", commit to appropriately promote the Polish traditions to the diverse population of The Orchard Lake schools, and pledge their Christian service in support of the School's overall mission.

Recipient Qualifications:

1. Student is of Polish ancestry
2. Has a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (*grade average will be officially calculated by St. Mary's Prep*)
3. Must be in 8th grade at time of application (transfers may be considered in some circumstances)

Documentation Required:

1. Minimum of 1st semester 8th grade report card (If you have not yet submitted your transcript to the Admissions Office please attach an official copy to your application)
2. Awards are renewable for four years so long as the recipient maintains a 3.0 g.p.a. and fulfills the spirit of the scholarship as described above.
3. Applications are due January 1 for the following academic year.

Please fill out the information and submit the required essay as described in the attachment.



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Application and Essay Instructions

Student Name: _____

Current school: _____

Student Home Address: _____

Parent names: _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Place of Birth: _____ US Citizen: YES NO

Please describe your Polish ethnicity (100% Polish, 50% Polish, etc.,)

Father's Side _____

Mother's Side _____

Essay Question

In a formal 5 paragraph essay, please describe your Polish ancestry and family history. Please also describe how you believe this would impact the Polish community and culture during your education at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

****Essays must be typed****

How to Submit:

Please send this application page by January 1 with your typed essay and 8th grade transcript (if St. Mary's admissions does not already have it) to:

Candace Castiglione, Dean of Admissions
3535 Commerce Rd.
Orchard Lake, MI 48324

You may also email it to ccastiglione@stmarysprep.com

The Burkacki Scholarship program awards are not based on financial need. However, Orchard Lake St. Mary's offers additional scholarship and tuition-assistance programs that *are* need-based, and applicants for the Burkacki Scholarship are encouraged to apply for these other/additional programs through the normal tuition-assistance process. Ms. Castiglione can provide the information.