



2023: The Year of Transformation

The Board of Directors and Management Team are excited to announce that the "2023 Year of Transformation of the PNU" continues to move forward. 2023 marks the 115th Anniversary of the PNU and the 50th Anniversary of the Spojnia Credit Union. The Board of Directors and Management have made some exciting decisions at the meeting held December 8, 2022, and we will begin to share those decisions and what they mean for you the member of the PNU.

For the past year the Board of Directors Exploratory Committee has been meeting with the Management Team to determine the future direction of the PNU. There were several options investigated, discussed, researched and proposed to the entire board to position the PNU for the next 115 years. Each of these proposals were thoroughly discussed and simultaneously vetted as to the success possibility for the Union. After fully discussing the proposals with the Board of Directors and the PNU Counsel the below decision was agreed to unanimously.

The Polish National Union of America will begin the process of transforming itself as follows:

The Polish National Union will remain a vibrant fraternal organization by:

Continuing to perform service projects to the communities in which the Branches and Districts reside to the betterment of those communities;

Continuing to work closely with the Polish National Catholic Church in their Christian endeavors of outreach;

By focusing on cultural programs in the Polish, Hispanic and other communities that the PNU

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PNU District & Branch Meeting Schedules

District 1: Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in Dupont, PA
Contact District Director, Julie Andrzejewski for details.

District 3: Monday, February 27, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
Contact District Director, MaryAnn Zarek for details.

District 5: Saturday, March 15, 2023 at 1:00pm hosted by Holy Family Parish,
1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132.
Contact District Director, Melissa Snee for details.

District 6: Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. central via Zoom
Contact District Director, Christine Wachna for details.

District 7: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Alternate date, March 13, 2023.
Contact District Director, Suzanne Sniezek for details.

2023 Straz Article Submission Deadlines

You are invited to submit articles and pictures regarding PNU events in a timely manner and relevant to the time period in which the Straz will be published. You are requested to send articles in Microsoft Word format and pictures in either jpeg or png format.

All submissions are to be sent via email to executive02@pnu.org by the deadline dates listed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

<u>Issue Month</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>	<u>Issue Month</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
February	January 15	August	July 15
April	March 15	October	September 15
June	May 15	December	November 15

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and PNCC are affiliated with;
Continuing to provide benefits to its members in the above mentioned items;
Continuing to provide stipends and scholarships for higher education of its members;
Continuing to support the Spojnia Credit Union and promote its use to the members;
Continue to support and govern with the PNCC the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center.

The Polish National Union will merge its insurance offerings with another fraternal to afford members additional benefits by:

Obtaining a merger partner that aligns with the values of the PNU and that of its members;
Obtaining a merger partner that has a strong balance sheet in order to protect the members of the PNU without question;
Obtaining a merger partner that will welcome our members as family from day one in benefits and governance;
Obtaining a merger partner that will provide our members with additional benefits to best serve their needs.

What does this mean to me as a member of the PNU? This announcement will have no effect on you the member of the PNU. The policy that you have with the PNU will be transferred to the merging company in full. All benefits, beneficiaries, and ownership will not change.

Can I still purchase insurance from the PNU? Yes, until the merger of the insurance business is complete the PNU will continue to sell its insurance products and annuities without interruption.

Will my life insurance policy still be covered and/or paid out?

Yes: As a part of the merger agreement the new fraternal company assumes the liability of the promised benefit listed in a member's certificate. A letter of assumption will be generated and sent to each member by the surviving company.

Is my annuity money safe?

Yes: As a part of the merger agreement the new fraternal company assumes the liability of the promised benefit listed in a member's certificate. A letter of assumption will be generated and sent to each member by the surviving company.

Do I still need to pay my insurance premiums?

Yes: Premiums are payable to the PNU until the merger is complete and then paid to the

new company. As records are updated the surviving company will issue a bill on the same interval, Annual, Semi-annual, Quarterly, or Monthly as you are accustomed to receiving from the PNU.

What happens to the PNU officers, Board Members, and employees of PNU?

This is yet to be determined based on the merger agreement. On an officer and board level it is typical that they would remain involved in the surviving company as an advisory body to help with transition.

Should parishes continue to submit annual annuity payments for their pastors as required by the PNCC Clergy Salary & Benefits commission?

Yes: The annuity as well as the clergy insurance programs involve insurance and annuity contracts issued to individual members and will be treated as certificates assumed by the new fraternal company. In fact the new fraternal company may be able to offer a better return on the annuity than the PNU due to the size of the new company.

How is the Spojnia Credit Union impacted?

The Spojnia Credit Union is an independently incorporated entity created with a common bond of serving members of the PNU and organizations of the PNCC. It is likely that the charter having the common bond of the SCU will be modified to serve the members of the surviving entity and the members of the PNCC. In essence the merger will be beneficial because it will allow the SCU to expand its field of membership. Please keep in mind that the SCU is regulated by the NCUA and the PA Banking Department. Because of this, deposits are federally insured up to \$250,000 through the NCUA.

As can be seen these are exciting times for you the member of the PNU. While the PNU has fulfilled the mission set forth by Prime Bishop Francis Hodur regarding providing life insurance policies to members of the PNCC who could not obtain insurance in the past, the mission of fraternalism, community service, educational excellence and support of the PNCC continues.

As your CEO, I am excited with all the new possibilities that this new direction of the PNU will have for you the member. The ability to provide you the member with more benefits, more ways to participate in cultural activities, continued support of the PNCC and the Spojnia Credit Union this is a win/win for everyone. While the PNU was limited on its offerings of insurance, the fraternalists we are negotiating with have more items they offer. As we continue down this path there will be more announcements made by the Board through me so stay tuned.

The PNU is now strategically positioning itself for the next 115 Years and beyond!!!!

Martin H. Wachna, Jr. ~ PNU Chief Executive Officer



Julie Andrzejewski - Director, District 1

**Polish National Union of America
District 1 Quarterly Meeting
December 6, 2022**

On December 6, 2022, District 1 held their annual Christmas party and meeting in the St. Stanislaus Parish hall in Scranton, PA. At 6:16 pm, Director Andrzejewski welcomed everyone and then called upon Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki for the invocation. After the sharing of Oplatek, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal. Director Andrzejewski then called upon the Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky for remarks. Then all enjoyed playing a Christmas game. (Pictures on page 7)

Directly following the dinner District Director Julie Andrzejewski called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm on December 6, 2022.

Secretary's Report: Attendance: Secretary Joan Scheuneman reported that there were 20 delegates representing 9 branches and 3 guests present. Ms. Scheuneman then read the minutes from the previous meeting. Director Andrzejewski asked if there were any corrections or errors and there were none noted. A motion was made by Rev. Carmen Bolock, second by John Evanchyk to accept the minutes as read. Director Andrzejewski called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Patricia Bolock gave the financial report from September 7, 2022 to December 6, 2022. Director Andrzejewski asked if there were any corrections or errors and there were none noted. A motion was made by Carl Cwikla, second by Mari Jane Stankowski to accept the treasurer's report. Director Andrzejewski called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: A report was given regarding Spojnia Sunday activities from the parishes. St. Stanislaus had a coffee hour where CFO Andrzejewski spoke. Holy Mother of Sorrows in Dupont had a coffee hour, branch 74 donated the baked goods. Branch secretary Jan Cwikla spoke at the event. Christmas greetings were placed in both the Straz and God's Field.

New Business: Director Andrzejewski spoke about the annuity promotional rate being 3.75% until December 31, 2022. Convention – Director Andrzejewski reminded the branch secretaries who have enough members to elect their own delegate(s) to plan a meeting and pick a date. The deadline to get the meeting into the Straz is January 15th 2023. District 1 meeting dates – **March 16, 2023** at Holy Mother of Sorrows at 6:00 pm, **June 1, 2023** at 6:00 pm we will check to see if Dickson City will be available to host. **September**

District 1: Meeting Minutes Continued

14, 2023 Good Shepherd parish in Plymouth at 6:30 pm December meeting / Christmas party will be determined at a later date. Branch secretary reports – Joan Scheuneman sold a \$5,000 policy.

Calendar of Events:

Dupont – December 9, 2022 – Advent food sale Clam Chowder and Potato pancakes will be available from 4 – 7 pm or until sold out.

Providence of God Parish – Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

St. Stanislaus - December 11, 2022 Breakfast with Santa, One Hot Meal – 1st Saturday of every month.

Duryea – December 10, 2022 - Christmas stroll through Duryea.

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2023 at Holy Mother of Sorrows PNCC in Dupont, PA at 6 p.m. Rev. Carmen Bolock had the closing prayer. A motion to adjourn was made by Mari Jane Stankowski at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Scheuneman, Recording Secretary





MaryAnn Zarek - Director, District 3

**Polish National Union of America
District 3 Quarterly Meeting
November 28, 2022**

PNU District 3 held a Zoom meeting on Monday, November 28, 2022. There were 10 people on the call. Bishop Paul opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed. Thomas Zarek made a motion to accept, second by Eric Nemkovich. The financial report was emailed to the group. Fr. Sr. Joe Krusienski made a motion to accept, second by Thomas Zarek.

MaryAnn Zarek gave the District Director's report. Maryann attended the 26th PNCC Synod as a delegate from the PNU. The Thanksgiving Raffle was a great success.

The PNU Convention will be held in October 2023 and Maryann asked if anyone would be interested in being a delegate. The election will be February 1st through March 1st. Elections will be held at our next meeting.

District 3 will cover the ice cream social and pizza party for the upcoming Winter Gathering that will be held in December at Blessed Trinity.

Spojnina Sunday was held in September; Karen Sobiechowski stated that Holy Trinity Cathedral hosted a brunch.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00PM via Zoom. Eric Nemkovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Brenda Richard. Fr. Sr. Rob offered the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted Brenda Richard
Recording Secretary, District 3, PNU

Melissa Snee - Director, District 5

**Polish National Union of America
District 5 Quarterly Meeting
January 15, 2023**



Attendance

Fr Bruce Sleczkowski, Marian Sleczkowski, Henrietta Kleckner, Terry Kleckner, Paulette Belunas, Maryann Kiska, Melissa Snee, Barbara Wisniewski, Mike Wisniewski, Jan Gibala, Ted Gibala, Georgine Katocs, and guest Martin Wachna CEO.

Meeting opened at 7:08pm by Director Melissa Snee. Fr Bruce Sleczkowski offered prayer.

Minutes

Marian Sleczkowski presented the minutes. Mike Wisniewski made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Fr Bruce Sleczkowski. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Henrietta Kleckner presented the Financial Report for the quarter ending Dec 31, 2022. Ted Gibala motioned to accept financial report, seconded by Paulette Belunas. Motion passed.

Correspondence

None.

PNU Performance

Melissa Snee reviewed the PNU membership reports. Y-T-D 66 policies, 3 annuities, 408 cancels.

District 5 year-to-date performance last quarter Patty Grohal sold 2 Adult policies.

Education and Youth Fundraiser – 2 member from our district won prizes.

Martin Wachna gave a report to the district on the progress of the PNU. We need to get back into spreading fraternalism. Thank you, Martin, for your report.

New Business

We need to advertise the Spojnia Credit Union rates at all parishes and push the Social Membership which gives access to the Credit Union.

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Community Programs

Throughout the District we are going to do the Lenten Food Drive "Roll Away the Stone of Hunger" again. Marian & Fr Bruce Sleczkowski will coordinate. It will run from Ash Wednesday through Passion Sunday.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 1:00pm hosted by Holy Family Parish, 1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132.

Fr Bruce Sleczkowski closed with a prayer.


Ted Gibala motioned to adjourn, seconded by Paulette Beluinas.

With no further business, Melissa Snee closed the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Sleczkowski
Recording Secretary
PNU District 5

Polish National Union of America
People Need Us
Roll away the Stone of Hunger!!
Lenten Food Drive
To Be Donated to Local Food Bank



Sponsored by PNU District 5 & 12
Hosted by Branch _____ Parish _____
Beginning Ash Wednesday till Passion Sunday



Polish National Union of America

District 6



February 22 - March 26, 2023

February 1, 2023

Dear Pastors and Faithful,

PNU District 6 is sponsoring a District-wide food donation event for the Lenten Season. What that means is that we are asking each parish that resides in the boundaries of District 6 to hold a food drive that would benefit your local food pantry or shelter. This is a win-win fraternal event that will help you feed the hungry as well as show your Christian and fraternal spirit within your community. What a better way to build the Body of Christ than by feeding it with donations of shelf-stable/non-perishable food.

If you are already sponsoring a food drive or other feeding event during Lent, that is great! Please share with us your event and pictures so they can be published in the Bi-monthly Straz. Otherwise, if you would be so kind to either set up a table or container to receive the donations and then at the completion donate them to your local pantry or shelter. It is an easy, Christian, fraternal and community service project that really is easy. We have included an informational sign that you can post at your donation site. At the conclusion of your food drive, please contact us by March 27 with a brief article and pictures so we can share with other our brothers and sisters throughout the Polish National Union of America and the Polish National Catholic Church.

Thank you for your participation and may you be filled with God's choicest blessings.

In fraternal spirit,

Christine Wachna
Director - District 6
Polish National Union of America

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Polish National Union of America
District 6



LENTEN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

District 6 of the PNU invites all Parishes in our district to participate a Food Drive that is a District-wide Fraternal Activity as we ask for your help in sharing a blessing of food and love with those who are hungry in your area.

**The Food Drive is sponsored
February 22 - March 26, 2023
and benefit a local food pantry
or shelter of your choice.**

Enclosed is a list of suggested items and sign that can be posted on a collection table or container.

During the 2023 season of Great Lent, let us take to heart the words of our Lord and feed the hungry and give comfort and love to all in need. May we share our fraternalism and our love for Christ with others today, tomorrow and always.

Thank you for your participation!

**Christine Wachna, Director
PNU District Six**



Polish National Union of America

District 6



February 22 - March 26, 2023

Parish Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____

**We kindly ask for new, unexpired
shelf-stable or non-perishable food items.**

SUGGESTED ITEMS GENERALLY NEEDED AT LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES OR SHELTERS

This is not a complete list...

contact your local pantry or shelter for their specific donation list.

- ⇒ Peanut butter
- ⇒ Canned soup
- ⇒ Canned fruit
- ⇒ Canned vegetables
- ⇒ Canned stew
- ⇒ Canned fish
- ⇒ Canned beans
- ⇒ Cereal
- ⇒ Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
- ⇒ Rice (most prefer brown rice)

Spojnia Credit Union Rates

Spojnia Credit Union

RATES – Effective November 17th, 2022

APY – Annual Percentage Yield, APR – Annual Percentage Rate

Share Rates	APR	APY	Terms
Share (Savings) Account	0.05%	0.050%	Over \$5.01
Christmas Club Account	0.25%	0.150%	Maximum \$5000.00
Vacation Club Account	0.20%	0.200%	Maximum \$5000.00
Share Draft Rates			
Share Draft (Checking) Account	0.00%	0.000%	
Share Certificates - \$1000.00 Minimum			
90 Days Share Certificate*	1.50%	1.500%	
Six (6) Month Share Certificate*	1.50%	1.500%	
Twelve (12) Month Share Certificate*	2.25%	2.250%	
Twenty-Four (24) Month Share Certificate*	2.50%	2.500%	
Thirty-Six (36) Month Share Certificate*	3.00%	3.000%	
Forty-Eight (48) Month Share Certificate*	3.00%	3.000%	
Sixty Month (60) Month Share Certificate*	3.00%	3.000%	
*Share Certificate Rates May Change Weekly Penalties apply on early withdrawal.			
Loan Rates			
Shares Loan - Minimum \$1000.00	2.19%		Up to 24 Months
	2.49%		Up to 36 Months
	2.69%		Up to 48 Months
	2.989%		Up to 60 Months
New Vehicle Loan – Maximum \$50,000.00			
	5.09%		Up to 36 Months
	5.29%		Up to 48 Months
	5.39%		Up to 60 Months
	5.49%		Up to 72 Months
Used Vehicle Loan - Some Restrictions Apply			
2016 and Newer	5.14%		Up to 36 Months
2017 and Newer	5.34%		Up to 48 Months
2018 and Newer	5.64%		Up to 60 Months
2019 and Newer	5.84%		Up to 72 Months
Signature Loan – Maximum \$10,000.00			
	11.00%		Up to 36 Months
Signature Loan – Over \$3000.00	12.00%		Up to 48 Months
Signature Loan – Over \$5000.00	13.00%		Up to 60 Months
Organization Loan – Maximum \$49,999.99 Available to: Parishes and Organizations of the PNCC and non-profit organizations associated with the Polish National Union of America and/or the Polish National Catholic Church)			
	6.59%		Up to 60 Months
	8.10%		Up to 120 Months
\$20,000.00 Minimum on 15 year term	7.85%		Up to 180 Months

Spojnja Credit Union Rates



Home Equity Loan – Not to exceed 85% of the appraised value minus any first mortgage balance. \$500.00 Application Fee			
	6.24%		Up to 60 Months
	6.38%		Up to 84 Months
	6.38%		Up to 120 Months
Call for current rate 180 Month Loan – Minimum \$20,000.00	6.25%		Up to 180 Months
2nd Q. Discount of .5% if we are 1st position Lien Holder			
Non-Owner Occupied Home Equity Loan- Not to exceed 75% of the appraised value minus any 1st mortgage balance. \$500.00 Application Fee			
	6.24%		Up to 60 Months
	6.38%		Up to 84 Months
	6.38%		Up to 120 Months
Call for current rate 180 Month Loan – Minimum \$20,000.00	6.25%		Up to 180 Months
Youth Credit Builder Loan – Ages 16 and 17 with co-signer Minimum \$200.00 – Maximum \$1000.00	6.50%		Up to 12 Months
Collateral Loan – Maximum \$30,000.00	7.50%		Up to 48 Months
Recreational Vehicle Loan			
New			
	6.00%		Up to 36 Months
	6.50%		Up to 48 Months
	7.00%		Up to 60 Months
Minimum \$25,000.00 Maximum \$50,000.00	7.50%		Up to 72 Months
Minimum \$25,000.00 Maximum \$50,000.00	8.00%		Up to 120 Months
Used			
	6.00%		Up to 36 Months
	6.50%		Up to 48 Months
	7.00%		Up to 60 Months
Share Certificate Loans -The full Share Certificate balance may be pledged by any account owner as collateral on a Credit Union Loan. The loan on the Share Certificate will have a term limit of the life of the Certificate (maximum 36 months). The rate will be based on the rate of the certificate plus 2%			
SCU Select Loan Maximum \$2500.00			
	7.99%		Up to 18 Months

Rates subject to change without prior notice; however, loan rate received at closing remains in effect the life of the loan.

Notice

This rate sheet must be used in conjunction with the Truth-in-Savings account disclosures for you to have complete information regarding your account. Rates and yields are subject to change without notice. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Fees could reduce the earnings on the account. Withdrawals will reduce earnings. The Annual Percentage Yield ("APY") assumes that interest remains on deposit until maturity. For more information, please contact Spojnia Credit Union at 570-344-1513 to speak to a member service representative.

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA TO BE A MEMBER OF SPOJNIA CREDIT UNION

AUTO LOAN CHECKS ARE MADE PAYABLE TO THE MEMBER AND AUTO DEALER.
Equal Housing Lender - Equal Housing Opportunity



Mary Ann Stankowski
Chairman, Education & Youth Commission

On behalf of the Education and Youth Commission of the PNU, it gives us great pleasure to announce the winners of our Stipend Raffle Fundraiser for 2022.

The drawing took place at the PNU Board of Director's meeting held on December 8, 2022 at the home office in Scranton, PA. We graciously appreciate all of the support and generosity received towards these endeavors, as we continue our mission to provide funding and enable our members the benefit of receiving this stipend towards their future educational goals. Monetary donations are always accepted on behalf of this program which are key in funding these stipend disbursements.

All donations can be sent directly to:

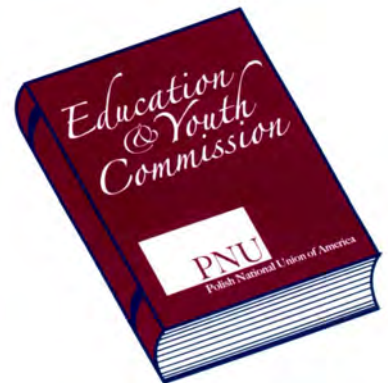
Education & Youth Commission of the PNU
Attention: Mary Ann Stankowski
1006 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505

Congratulations to our winners!

First Prize (\$250.00) Marlene Hill, Scranton, PA
Second Prize (\$100.00) Edward Goralczyk, Elizabeth, PA
Third Prize (\$50.00) Johanna Pardoe, N. Versailles, PA

Please watch your parish bulletins and newsletters as we once again prepare for another year of funding this program in 2023. Thank you and God Bless you and your families.

Mary Ann Stankowski and Board Members
Education & Youth Commission, PNU



The John & Dorothy Markiewicz Scholarship

The Board of Directors of the Polish National Union in conjunction with the Education & Youth Commission are excited to announce a new member benefit that will begin for the 2022-2023 academic year. The family of John & Dorothy Markiewicz have decided to provide a living legacy of their parents. This legacy will come in the form of a \$1,000.00 annual scholarship to members of the Polish National Union Youth which are attending higher education.

This scholarship will be open to all undergraduate and graduate students along with those attending vocational or specialty schools. The preferred area of study is that of healthcare, nursing or other healthcare related fields.

Qualifications:

1. A member of the PNU, who has a life insurance policy (current paying, single-premium or paid up) that is in force and in good standing for at least 5 years. Social Membership does not qualify.
2. Currently enrolled and taking classes at a college, university or vocational school full time focusing in the healthcare area.
3. Proof of enrollment either from the Registrar, Tuition Bill, Class Schedule all stating the institution's name and the student name and must accompany the application.
4. This scholarship is offered for undergrad and graduate students.
5. Questions or concerns can be directed to Mary Ann Stankowski, eyc@pnu.org

When all necessary information is obtained please forward all documents to:

Polish National Union of America
c/o Education & Youth Commission
Attn: Mary Ann Stankowski
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Scranton, PA 18505



The John & Dorothy Markiewicz Scholarship

Polish National Union of America
Fraternal and Benefit Society
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Scranton, PA 18505
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Stipend Application

For members who are in the Polish National Union at least five (5) years and are currently in good standing.
Grants are made in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Stipend for the academic year 20____ - 20____ Date _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Information: Cell phone# _____ Home# _____

Email address: _____

Member of PNU Branch No. _____ District No. _____ Certificate No. _____

Name of College / University: _____

Course/Study Pursued: _____

Indicate current year of Enrollment: 1st year ____ 2nd year ____ 3rd year ____ 4th Year ____ Grad: ☐

Anticipated/Expected year of Graduation: _____

Indicate status attending: * PART TIME (7-11 credits) * FULL TIME (12 credits and more)

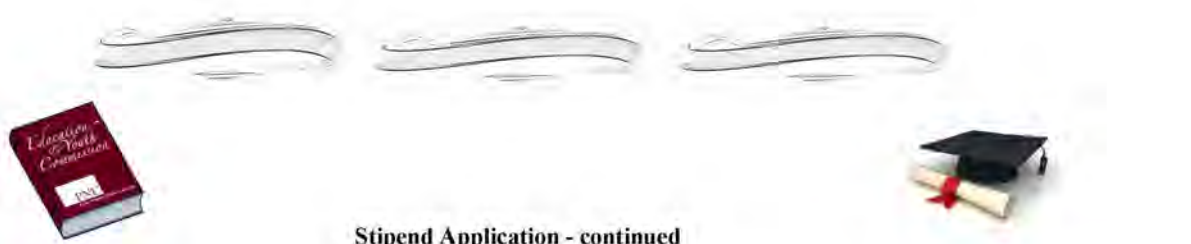
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Fall Semester _____	# of credits completed/earned _____
Spring Semester _____	# of credits completed/earned _____

Tuition Amount _____ per academic year.

Home office Approval/Authorization _____

Applicant's Signature _____



Stipend Application - continued

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- ☐ **ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR.**
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Please fill out the following information below.

This is to certify _____

Enrolled at _____

Address _____

Enrolled in 1st year ____ 2nd year ____ 3rd year ____ 4th year

Grad: ☐

Signature of Registrar

_____ (Seal)

DECEMBER 2022

John O'Malley
Christine Johnson
Carol Anton
Edwin Brzezinski
Anthony Zippitelli
Karen Strycharz
Regina Wolfe
Ann Starnes-Myers
Autumn Beatty
Michael Kristula
Florence Kefor
Mary Szczucki

JANUARY 2023

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Jean Butterworth
Ilona Johnson
Ernest Gazda Jr
Janet McCawley
Barbara Gully
Janet Hellmer
Henry Szymanski
Virginia Zwickey
Lydia Homick



Stipend Application Timeline

Please note the academic year follows the school year, i.e.. 2022/2023

DECEMBER

START PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION PAPERWORK

Download the application from the PNU website,
https://www.pnu.org/index_27.htm

JANUARY – EARLY FEBRUARY

GATHER ALL NECESSARY MATERIALS

Class schedules/grades if available

Include information for both fall and spring semesters,

NUMBER OF CREDITS TAKEN FOR EACH
SEMESTER MUST BE NOTED ON APPLICATION

Tuition statement for fall and spring semesters

Complete the entire application and sign

Deadline to submit is April 15th

MAIL THE APPLICATION ALONG WITH ALL THE DOCUMENTATION MENTIONED TO THE
FOLLOWING ADDRESS **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH****

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION OF THE PNU
ATTN: MARY ANN STANKOWSKI
1006 PITTSTON AVENUE
SCRANTON, PA 18505

MAY

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION COMMITTEE
MEETS TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS

END OF MAY/EARLY JUNE

CHECKS WILL BE DISBURSED TO APPLICANTS

****PLEASE NOTE**

**NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED
IF POSTMARKED AFTER
APRIL 15TH OF THAT ACADEMIC CALENDAR YEAR.**

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION

Polish National Union of America
Fraternal and Benefit Society
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Stipend Application

For members who are in the Polish National Union at least five (5) years and are currently in good standing.
Grants are made in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Stipend for the academic year 20____ - 20____ Date _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Information: Cell phone# _____ Home# _____

Email address: _____

Member of PNU Branch No. _____ District No. _____ Certificate No. _____

Name of College / University: _____

Course/Study Pursued: _____

Indicate current year of Enrollment: 1st year ____ 2nd year ____ 3rd year ____ 4th Year ____

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We are again offering the Richard C. Gorecki Scholarships and the Majer & Lakowski Families Memorial Scholarships.

Please go to our website at www.paccf.org under the "scholarship" tab for the requirements, application and deadlines. If you have any questions, please email us at paccf@paccf.org. The Officers & Directors of PACCF

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