



# The Poleski Family Scholarship

*In Loving Memory of*  
Joseph and Claire Poleski  
and  
Janice (Poleski) Calloway

*This named endowed scholarship was established by Nancy (Poleski) Collier, the youngest daughter of the Poleski family and her husband, Dr. Paul Collier. The Poleski Family Scholarship benefits a student completing his/her freshman year, who is in need of tuition assistance for the sophomore year of study. This full-tuition\* scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates a love of learning as well as a propensity for helping people, and who exudes empathetic concern for others. The scholarship is renewable in the junior and senior years if the student maintains the scholarship's eligibility requirements. This scholarship will not adversely affect other financial assistance that the student may receive.*

Joseph and Claire Poleski raised four daughters in the Arlington Heights area of Pittsburgh's South Side. Joseph was a plasterer by trade with a loving and gentle spirit, remembered by family and friends for his humor, kindness and self-less acts. Claire, always putting her girls first, managed the Poleski household creating a comfortable and safe home despite limited funds. Devout Catholics, Joseph and Claire made great sacrifices to ensure that their daughters received a Catholic school education. They instilled in their daughters the importance of sacrifice, respect, and above all service to others. In spite of their financial limitations, Claire often reminded her daughters, "If you give it away, it comes back two-fold."

Janice (Poleski) Calloway, the second daughter, was one of the three Poleski girls to pursue a career in nursing. She had a way of putting people at ease and touched many people's lives with her caring nature and sense of humor. She had the ability to relate to individuals from all walks of life. Always interested in learning, her career spanned many specialties including emergency, psychiatric, surgical and home care nursing until her untimely death in 2008.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

*Applications for the Poleski Family Scholarship are due to the Office of Admissions (2nd floor in Counseling Center) by **March 31, 2017.***

*To be eligible for the Poleski Family Scholarship, the student must:*

- *Be eligible for financial aid (as determined by the OLSH Business Office upon the family's completion of the 2017-2018 FACTS financial aid application)*
- *Complete the application form and essay question*
- *Provide one teacher's recommendation (given in a sealed envelope by the teacher)*
- *Submit one letter of recommendation from an adult (non-family member) attesting to the student's character*

\* "Full-tuition" is satisfied by totaling any and all financial aid and scholarship support already received by the selected recipient and then adding financial support from the Poleski Family Scholarship Fund to address the remaining tuition amount due. Fees and other expenses will remain the responsibility of the scholarship recipient's family.



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This application must be completed **by the student** applicant and signed by a parent/guardian.

*All applications and supporting items must be received by March 31, 2017.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION QUESTION:**

*Please address the following questions in short answer form. (As long as you address the question, length does not matter. Answers range from a few sentences to a paragraph in length.)*

Describe a time when you performed a “random act of kindness”. (A random act of kindness is defined as either a spontaneous or planned selfless act that either assists or cheers up an individual.)

- What did you do to help the person and what motivated you to perform the act?
- How did it make you feel?
- How did you think the person receiving your help was changed and what emotions do you think they felt?

*Attach your hand-written or typed essay on a separate 8½ x 11 sheet of paper and attach to this application page. **Be sure to include your name on each page.***

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**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:**

Admissions Office • Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School  
1504 Woodcrest Ave. • Coraopolis, PA 15108

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**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

*To the student: please fill in your name. (PLEASE PRINT)*

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the recommending teacher:**

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant? Very well \_\_\_\_\_ Somewhat \_\_\_\_\_ Slightly \_\_\_\_\_

*Please classify the applicant in the following categories: (leave blank any for which you have no opinion)*

Attributes	Poor	Average	Above Average	Superior
Time on task				
Self-Confidence				
People Skills				
Attitude				
Academic Ability				
Leadership Skills				

	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Always
Punctual				
Fulfills Commitments				
Shows Responsibility				
Shows Initiative				
Demonstrates Common Sense				
Demonstrates Maturity				

Does this person demonstrate a love of learning, a propensity for helping people, and exude empathetic concern for others? Please add additional comments that would help to understand or evaluate this student. *(Include additional sheets if necessary)*

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please complete form and seal in a separate envelope for submission. All responses are kept in confidence and shared only with the selection committee.*