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MISS POLONIA OHIO 2011

The only official Miss Polonia Contest in the State of Ohio

DONOR INFORMATION SHEET

The Polish American Congress – Ohio Division is pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for the **Miss Polonia Ohio Contest**. The competition will take place on **Friday, April 29, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.** During the Polish Happy Hour at the Parma Cafe, 5780 Ridge Road, Parma, Ohio.

The candidate should be:

- A resident of the State of Ohio and a U.S. citizen and/or permanent resident;
- A high school senior or college student or graduate between the ages of 18 – 26 years
- Single, never been married or given birth to a child;
- Of Polish descent with some knowledge of the Polish culture;
- Involved in the community, especially Polish-American;
- Of good moral character with a clean personal record and respectable intelligence;
- Sponsored by a Polish American Congress member in good standing.

During the private interview process, candidates will be asked to answer a set of basic questions about Poland.

The winner will be requested to represent the Polish American Congress, Ohio Division at the official events of the Polish-American community throughout the year and relinquish her crown at the 2012 Polonia Ball.

Prizes in the form of college scholarships will be decided by independent judges:

- \$500 for the Winner
She and a sponsor also will be eligible to travel to NYC for a 2-night stay and to participate in the Miss Polonia USA National Finals Pageant held in October, 2011.
- \$250 for the First Runner up
- \$100 for the Second Runner up

Interested should send the completed application by **Friday, April 22, 2011** to:

Miss Polonia Ohio Contest, c/o Polish American Congress – Ohio Division, 9999 Granger Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44125-5319. Atten.: Walter Borkowski, Chairman. Previous winners as well as promoters' and sponsors' relatives are not eligible.

Additional information can be found at www.polishamericancongress-ohio.com or by calling (216) 406-4316.

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**MISS POLONIA OHIO 2011
Contestants Form**

Congratulations on deciding to be a contestant in the Miss Polonia Ohio Contest — the only official Polonia competition for young women in the state.

As an entrant, The Polish American Congress — Ohio Division promises you will have lots of fun, make some new friends and learn a little about your heritage. You will have the opportunity for cash, prizes, travel, glamour, and excitement!

All this combined with the opportunity to represent your community at events throughout the year, your state at the national finals and the United States in Poland can be yours if you become the next Miss Polish USA!!

INTERESTED?

DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Fill out the application on the back of this paper. Reasonable attachments are acceptable.
- Compose a 300-500 word **essay** explaining the following: **What being Polish means to you and how you would share your enthusiasm for your heritage with others as Miss Polonia.**
- Submit with the application a current **5x7 photograph** (need not be professional).
- Mail these completed materials postmarked by **Friday, April 22, 2011** to:

Miss Polonia Ohio Contest
Polish American Congress — Ohio Division
9999 Granger Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44125-5319
Atten.: Walter Borkowski, Chairman

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**PARTICIPANT PAGEANT
APPLICATION**

IT ALL STARTS HERE!!

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **CITIZENSHIP STATUS:** _____

MARITAL/PARENTAL STATUS: _____

POLISH HERITAGE SOURCE: _____

PAST/CURRENT POLONIA ACTIVITIES: _____

CURRENT EDUCATION/HONORS/WORK EXPERIENCE: _____

CAREER PATH/GOALS: _____

SPECIAL TALENTS AND ABILITIES: _____

NAME OF YOUR PAC SPONSOR: _____

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1. All Miss Polonia winners are expected to attend all Constitution Day events, including the Polonia Ball on Saturday, Mass, parade and program after parade on Sunday.
2. All Miss Polonia winners will ride in a car in the parade
3. The first place winner is eligible to participate in the Miss Polonia USA Pageant in Brooklyn, NY in October, 2011.
4. Miss Polonia Ohio is requested to be present at the following Polonia events during her reign.
 - a. Polish Constitution Day events
 - b. Polish Night at Progressive Field in June, 2011
 - c. PAC picnic – July 9, 2011
 - d. Polish Day in Youngstown – Aug 28, 2011
 - e. Polish-American Heritage Day event in October – Date TBA
 - f. Other events TBA

JUDGING PROCEDURE

1. Candidates' essays will be reproduced for each judge, but any identifying information in the essays will be blackened.
2. Judges will read and score each essay independently.
3. At the interview stage, the group of judges will meet each candidate individually. During the interview, judges may ask candidates any question. Candidates will also be asked prepared questions requiring knowledge of facts about Poland.
4. Each judge will submit scores to the committee chair, who will tally scores, verified by the chair of the Polonia Ball.
5. Winners will be announced at the Polonia Ball on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

MISS POLONIA JUDGING SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

1. Candidates will meet at the Polish Happy Hour at the Parma Cafe, 5780 Ridge Road at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2011.
2. Each candidate will be individually interviewed by the panel of judges.
3. Dress for candidate interviews is business attire.
4. Decision will be made after all interviews are completed, but the winners will not be announced until the Polonia Ball.
5. Attire for Miss Polonia Pageant is long formal gown.
6. Attire for mass on Sunday is dressy.
7. Attire for parade and after-parade program is business casual. Note: No flip-flops.

CHECK THE WEBSITES BELOW FOR INFORMATION ABOUT POLAND

<http://www.polandforall.com/facts-about-poland.html>

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2875.htm> (sections on Profile, official name, geography, people, government, economy)

http://www.polandforvisitors.com/travel_poland/famous (note 6 Polish people listed at the bottom of the article)

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The winner will be presented at the Polonia Ball held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 and will be eligible to enter into the National Miss Polonia competition in New York City in October, 2011.

The following are the requirements and criteria for the contest:

1. Single female — age 18 to 26
2. Polish heritage
3. Current photograph
4. Four (4) questions to be answered on the separate sheet:
 - a. **Why I would like to be Miss Polonia**
 - b. **Current education and honors**
 - c. **My aspirations for the future**
 - d. **Any special talents and abilities**
5. The winner will be required to represent the Polish American Congress, Ohio Division at the official events of the Polish-American community throughout the year and relinquish her crown at the 2012 Polonia Ball.
6. Prizes will be awarded.

Please reply in writing by Friday, April 22, 2011 to:

**Miss Polonia Contest
Polish American Congress-Ohio Division
9999 Granger Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44125-5319**

For further information and details please call:

Walter Borkowski, Chairman

(440) 884-7085

Cell — (216) 406-4316

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