

# 2020 Historical Essay Scholarship Competition

## Denial of Justice to the Victims of Katyn & their Descendants

### Causes, Consequences, Remedies

To this day, Katyn remains the greatest unpunished crime of World War II. On the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the mass extermination of Polish nationals by the Soviet Union in Katyn and other locations throughout the Soviet controlled territories, and mass deportations of their families, Polonia Institute encourages the study of events leading up to the denial of justice to the victims of Katyn, the causes and consequences of such denial, and possible remedies.

In your essay please address the significance and consequences of the denial of justice to the victims of Katyn, their descendants, and the international community. In particular, please address the following issues: 1) April 1943 discovery of mass graves in Katyn and investigation by International Red Cross; 2) 1943 investigation by NKVD; 3) 1944 investigation by Burdenko Commission; 4) Nuremberg Trial; 5) Madden Committee Report; 6) Katyn-related persecutions in Poland; 7) British and American cover-up; 8) 1990 admission of guilt by Russia; 9) 1992 disclosure of the scope of the crime; 10) 1990-2004 Russian investigation of the Katyn Operation; 11) consequences of Russian impunity for the Katyn genocide to the victims and their families; 12) consequences of Russian impunity in long-term Polish-Russian relations; 13) consequences of Russian impunity to the international peace, security, and international law and order; 14) remedies and/or recommendations.

#### Essay Requirements:

The essay shall reflect contestant's own research and original thinking. The paper shall not exceed 15 typed pages (excluding bibliography), shall be typed in 12-point font, double-spaced with 1" margins; pages shall be numbered. All entries become the property of the Polonia Institute and will not be returned. Polonia Institute reserves the right to publish selected essays and/or excerpts of selected essays in future publications, newsletters and other materials.

Eligibility: The 2020 Historical Essay Scholarship competition is open to adults who are 18 years of age as of August 1, 2020. Proof of age is required. A copy of a valid document showing a date of birth is acceptable.

Deadline: **August 1, 2020** (postmark date).

Awards: First Prize is \$5,000. Additional monetary awards will be offered. Additional essays may be considered for recognition and publication.

Procedure: The Application Form can be found at: <http://www.poloniainstitute.net/>. Attach the Application Form and proof of age to the essay. Mail and email the complete package to Polonia Institute. Both mail and email are required.

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