

The

Henrietta Kulinski

Polish Legion of American

Veterans Post 189

Memorial Scholarship

2009

A letter from the Kulinski Family

Dear Applicant,

You are applying for the Henrietta Kulinski Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 189 Memorial scholarship. Before you apply you need to understand why this scholarship was established.

Who was Henrietta Kulinski? Henrietta was a sister, aunt and wife to veterans. My mother, Henrietta was a sister to veterans of World War II, John, Tony and Andy Janeczek, Marcel, my father, a Korean War veteran and the aunt to many of my cousins who are Vietnam War veterans. Mom spent many hours volunteering at the post. She was a past president, and at the time of her death, the sitting President of this beloved PLAV Ladies Auxiliary.

To know my mother, there was no in between, you either agreed or disagreed. There were always three ways of doing things, the right way, the wrong way and Henia's way. My mother had her ways but no matter what, my mother was always about the vets, everything she did involved with Post 189 or the PLAV at a state or national level was due to her love and respect for the men and women who served this wonderful country.

My first memory is when I was volunteering during my Boy Scout years, going to the West Haven Veterans Administration Hospital. We went to play bingo in one of the convalescent wards. In this ward, there were men who had served during WW2, Korea and Vietnam. This was my first visit, and I was nervous. Mom took me by the hand and sat me next to a one of the youngest men in the room. This man, Navy, was suffering from some very severe burns where no matter what the treatment, his skin was constantly shedding. The young man had lost the use of his fingers and could not work the bingo cards. So I helped him play bingo and had a conversation. I did learn that he was involved in some sort of chemical accident where he was never going to heal properly, and he was pretty much confined to the facility due to the level of care he needed. It was there that night that I realized why my mother and father did what they did. Here was a man whose days were full of treatment and repeated routine. This small group of veterans and their ladies auxiliary was there to play bingo and share kielbasa sandwiches. With that simple game and sandwich his daily routine was changed and a little joy was shared. It was all about the veterans.

This scholarship is a continuation of that legacy. I thank the organizers and the participants. Part of the proceeds raised during the annual golf tournament will go into the Scholarship fund, this fund was established in memory of my mother to help the families of veterans defray the cost of a higher education. **Helping Veterans today.** The remaining funds will be used by Post 189 to continue the very good and important work of **servicing veterans from wars past and of future conflicts**

Mark Kulinski
January 29, 2008

Henrietta Kulinski Post 189 Memorial Scholarship

Rules For: Student Scholarship Application – 2009

1. One Scholarship grant in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded by the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 189
2. Applicant must be a son, daughter, step-children, grandson or granddaughter of a current, active member of the Polish Legion of America Veterans of post 189 Meriden, Ct. or it's Ladies Auxiliary or Sons Detachment.
3. An eligible student for the scholarship grant must be:
 - a.) High School Senior
 - b.) College Student
 - c.) Post Secondary Student (those presently attending accredited school after high school)
 - f.) Content of Essay
4. Scholarship Grant to be awarded on the following basis
 - a.) Scholarship achievements
 - c.) Individual contributions to school and community
 - d.) Need
 - e.) Character
5. Scholarship application must be entirely completed and accompanied by a school Official (sealed) Transcript. A partial application will be disqualified.
6. The completed application must be sent to Scholarship Committee officer for verification of completeness and eligibility of application.

Important – Deadline for return of Application is May 1, 2009 to

Scholarship Committee
C/O Tim Dutko
5 Overlook Drive
Meriden, Ct. 06450

7. **Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked anytime prior to or on May 1, 2009. Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted and returned.

COUNSELOR / ADVISOR / TEACHER report of Applicant for Student Scholarship

Two references are required, one from teacher, counselor or academic adviser. One from person other than school affiliated.

To Student: Have your teacher / Counselor or Advisor, fill out page 1a. Return whole form (pages 1, 2, 3) along with your grade transcript.

Important – Deadline for return of application is May 1, 2009

To Teacher / Counselor / Adviser:

The committee of the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 189 desires information as requested below concerning the qualifications of

Name of Student: _____

1. Has the student maintained a definite and sincere interest in his / her studies?

2. Was the student an active participant in some special activity in your school or in the community?

Please explain: _____

3. Please indicate your rating of the applicant by placing a check in the appropriate boxes:

Rating	Scholarship	Leadership	Character	School	Citizenship
Excellent					
Good					
Fair					
Poor					

4. Remarks: Please state any further helpful information regarding the applicant:

Date: _____ Signed: _____ Title: _____

School / College: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Personal Reference report of Applicant for Student Scholarship

Two references are required, one from teacher, counselor or academic adviser. One from person other than school affiliated.

To Student: Have your friend fill out page 1b. Return whole form (pages 1, 2, 3) along with your grade transcript.

Important – Deadline for return of application is May 1, 2009

To Friend:

The committee of the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 189 desires information as requested below concerning the qualifications of:

Name of Student: _____

1. Has the student maintained a definite and sincere interest in his / her studies?

2. Was the student an active participant in some special activity in your school or in the community?

Please explain: _____

3. Please indicate your rating of the applicant by placing a check in the appropriate boxes:

Rating	Scholarship	Leadership	Character	School	Citizenship
Excellent					
Good					
Fair					
Poor					

4. Remarks: Please state any further helpful information regarding the applicant:

Date: _____ Signed: _____ Title: _____

School / College: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Application for Student Scholarship

Instructions for applicant:

Deadline for submission of application is **May 1, 2009** to Scholarship Committee

Complete all items in full (please print or type)

Attach grade transcript

1. Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

2. Home address _____ Phone _____

City / State / Zip _____

3. Fathers Name _____ Occupation _____

Mothers Name _____ Occupation _____

Total Parents Income (please check closest to actual amount)

Under \$25,000 _____ to \$35,000 _____ to 50,000 _____ Over _____

4. List any brothers / sisters

Name _____ Age _____ School / Employer _____

5. What amount is paid by your family for school expenses per child?

6. Name of school presently attending _____

7. What school or college would you like to attend if presently in high school?

Have you been accepted? _____

What are the full name / address of college or school _____

8. Have you applied for any other scholarships or student loans? _____

Have you received any other scholarships or student loans? _____

If yes, from whom and what amount? _____

9. What is your most recent school grade point average? _____

10. Have you received this grant before? _____

11. Yearly School/ College expenses for 2009 / 2010 school year.

Tuition _____ Room & Board _____ Books _____
Miscellaneous (including Travel) _____

12. How plan to meet these expenses? _____
(Give an estimated percentage – total should equal 100%)

Family _____ Personal Savings _____ Student Loans _____

Anticipated Earnings _____ Scholarships _____ Other _____

13. What special recognition, if any, have you received for excellence in your school work such as prizes, honors awards or scholarships? Also list any offices or positions held or special recognitions received in school or in the community.

14. What are your chief out-of-school activities? (youth groups, hobbies, church, etc.)

15. Essay Topic: Interview a Veteran, and type an essay of 150 – 300 words on How you would support our Veterans of today.

16. I understand that in accepting a scholarship award from the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 189 Meriden Ct., I must apply this grant entirely towards the tuition/expenses of the school of my choice. Should circumstances cause me to cancel my entry, the Scholarship Award must be returned to the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 189 Meriden CT.

17. Final Decision as to the recipients of these awards from the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 189 Meriden CT. will be made at the discretion of the judges

18. It is necessary to complete the following information to qualify:

Name of member related to applicant _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Date _____ Applicant's signature _____

Parent's / Guardian signature _____

Verified by Committee Scholarship Officer _____ Date _____

