



## Essay Contest for High School Students

The Council of Educators in Polonia (CEP), the oldest educational non-profit organization in Illinois, announces its annual essay contest for high school students.

The award ceremony will take place at the Polish Museum of America on Pulaski Day, March 5, 2012. In addition, winners will be acknowledged at the Saint Joseph Day dinner on March 16, 2012.

First Prize - \$500  
Second Prize - \$200  
Third Prize - \$100

### Basic Requirements:

- Applicants must submit a 1,000 words or less essay, in English or Polish, on the theme:

***“The Legends of Cracow”***

*(based on legends of King Krakus, Princess Wanda and Wawel’s dragon ‘Smok’)*

- The essay must be typed and double-spaced on 8.5” x 11” white paper, using a 12-point font. Art or visual materials should not be included.
- The name of each applicant must NOT appear on the essay. The author should be identified on the title page by a pen name other than the author’s legal name.
- The essay should have a sealed envelope stapled to it containing a 3” x 5” index card with the following information:  
pen name, legal name, address with zip code, phone number, e-mail address, name of high school attending and teacher.
- The essay should be sent to:  
Ms. Czeslawa Kolak  
CEP Essay Competition Chair  
6948 N. Medford Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60646
- **Deadline: Wednesday, February 22, 2012**
- Essays become the property of CEP and will not be returned.  
The winning essays may be published in local newspapers and/or Polish/Polish-American publications.
- Previous winners may not participate.