



THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

The American Center of Polish Culture

FACT SHEET

COMPANY OVERVIEW	Founded in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation is a national not-for-profit, nonpartisan, and nonsectarian organization supported by contributions from foundations, corporations and individuals who share its mission.
MISSION	The Kosciuszko Foundation promotes closer ties between Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges. It promotes Polish culture in the USA and awards up to \$1 million annually in scholarships, fellowships and grants to graduate students, scholars, scientists, professionals, and artists.
MANAGEMENT	Marek Skulimowski, President and Executive Director Alex Storozyński, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
GIVING AREAS	Scholarships, grants, exchange fellowships, cultural and educational programs
ELIGIBILITY	U.S. citizens and residents of both Polish and non-Polish descent; holders of student visa in the U.S.; Polish citizens living in Poland; high school seniors; undergraduate and graduate students
CHAPTERS	Warsaw, Poland Office, Washington, D.C. Office, Chicago, New England, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Rocky Mountain, Texas, Western New York
ACTIVITIES	Cultural events: music concerts, painting/photo exhibitions, book presentations, movie screenings, author's evenings; networking events; children programs; premises rentals
HIGHLIGHTS	THE Annual Dinner and Ball organized in NYC and Washington D.C. since 1933
PROGRAMS	The KF Chopin Piano Competition – organized since 1949 The Sembrich Voice Scholarship Competition Summer Study Abroad Programs – Polish Language and Culture Classes in Poland Teaching English in Poland Program Polish Studies in the USA Eminent Scientists of Polish Origin and Ancestry Scholarships for Americans of Polish Descent Grants and Fellowships in the USA for Polish Citizens
THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO	A Polish-Lithuanian born in 1746, is one of the most important figures of the modern world. He came to America as a volunteer in the American War of Independence and soon became the most talented engineer of the Continental Army. Kosciuszko went to construct the fortifications for Philadelphia, planned the Battle of Saratoga, and designed the blueprints for Fortress West Point. Kosciuszko stood up for the rights of European serfs, African slaves, Native American Indians, Jews, Women and all groups that were disenfranchised.
PROMINENT SCHOLARS	Prof. Leszek Balcerowicz, former chairman of the National Bank of Poland and Deputy Minister of Poland; Prof. Norman Davis, historian, author; Juliusz J. Machulski, movie director and producer, actor, screenwriter and playwright; Andrew Nagorski, award winning journalist for Newsweek, Director of Public Policy at the East-West Institute; Anda Rottenberg, art historian, critic and curator of numerous international exhibits; Rabbi Michael J. Schudrich, Chief Rabbi of Poland