

## 2015 REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Chair: John Paluch  
Members: Ernie Brauchli, Catherine Danz, Fred Glure, Rob Streit

The committee members continue to work hard to support our younger generation in pursuit of their educational goals. We awarded **\$ 40,220** in scholarship money to a variety of students of all ages during the 2015/2016 academic year.

### **We supported students in three scholarship categories:**

#### ***Merit Scholarship***

Merit Scholarships support highly qualified, low-income students with plans to study at a four-year college. We awarded a total of three scholarships at \$2000, with one to a student at Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy, and two to students at Lane Tech High School for a total of **\$6000**.

#### ***Two-Week Language Immersion at Concordia Language Villages***

Winners of the Concordia Language Villages scholarship can study a language for either one week (no experience in the language) or two weeks (previous experience in the language) in the summer at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. We received again many applications and awarded fourteen scholarships to students in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Concordia helped to support these scholarships, providing either \$100 or \$200 subsidy. We provided two French students with one-week scholarships and two students with two-week scholarships. Five students in German received two-week scholarships and one one-week scholarship went to an Italian student. Once again, we supported one two-week scholarship for the Northern Illinois AATG Awards Program and one two-week scholarship for Chicago Area AATF. The total amount was **\$ 17,970**.

#### ***Undergraduate College Support Scholarships***

The *Undergraduate College Support Scholarships* provide support to students for their college education. From the applications, we selected 16 winners this year: eight in Category I (Seniors in High School), five in Category II (Freshmen in College), and three in Category III (Sophomore or Juniors in College). The total amount of scholarships given out was **\$ 15,250.00**.

#### ***PianoForte Foundation Scholarship***

Together with the Culture Committee, we supported a student in the PianoForte Foundation Scholarship Program for one year of lessons costing **\$ 1,000.00**.

All 2015-2016 winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>. Applications for the 2016-17 scholarships are available on our webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail.

Respectfully submitted,  
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John Paluch  
Chair, Education Committee