



## SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

### YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2016)

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The committee members continue to work hard to support our younger generation in pursuit of their educational goals. We awarded **\$ 43,910** in scholarship money to grade school, high school and college students during the 2016-2017 academic year.

#### **We supported students in four scholarship programs:**

##### ***Merit Scholarships***

Merit Scholarships support highly qualified, low-income students with plans to study at a four-year college. We awarded a total of four scholarships of \$2000, one to a student at Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy, one to a student at Jones College Prep, and two to students at Lane Tech High School, for a total of **\$8,000**.

##### ***Language Immersion Scholarships for Concordia Language Villages***

The SBS offers one- and two-week scholarships to the Concordia Language Villages to grade school and high school students in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. This year there were 32 applications with 5 applications for one-week and 14 for two-week scholarships in German, 3 applications for one-week and 13 for two-week scholarships in French and 2 applications for two-week scholarships in Italian. We provided three French students with one-week scholarships and one student with a two-week scholarship. Students in German received three two-week scholarships and two one-week scholarships. The SBS also provided a Raffle Prize to the Swiss Club of Chicago for a one-week CLV Scholarship. Once again, we provided both the Northern Illinois AATG and the Chicago Area AATF with two-week scholarships for their testing & awards programs. The total amount of the scholarship was **\$14,410**.

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

The Undergraduate College Support Scholarships provide support to students for their college education. From the applications, we selected 19 winners this year: eight in Category I (Seniors in High School), five in Category II (Freshmen in College), and three in Category III (Sophomores or Juniors in College). The total amount of scholarships awarded was **\$20,500**.

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

Together with the Culture Committee, we supported a student in the PianoForte Foundation Scholarship Program for one year of lessons at a cost of **\$1,000**.

All 2016-2017 winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>. Applications for the 2017-18 year scholarships are available on our webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paluch

Chair, Education Committee