2018 REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: John Paluch
Members: Ernie Brauchli, Fred Glure, Robert Streit

The committee members reviewed the scholarship offerings this past fall and feel that these scholarship categories allow the SBS to support students in the Chicago Public Schools, students of Swiss heritage and children interested in language and culture in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. We are pleased to be able to support education. The SBS awarded $35,130 in scholarship money to grade school, high school and college students during the 2018-2019 academic year.

OUR THREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Merit Scholarships
Merit Scholarships support highly qualified, low-income students in Chicago Public Schools with plans to study at a four-year college. We awarded a total of four scholarships of $2000, two to students at Lane Tech College Prep, one to a student at Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy, and one to a student at George Westinghouse College Prep, for a total of $8,000.

Language Immersion Scholarships for Concordia Language Villages
The SBS offers one-week scholarships to the Concordia Language Villages to grade school and high school students in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. This year there were 36 applications for scholarships: 20 applications for German, 15 for French and 1 for Italian. We provided scholarships to four French students, five German students and one Italian student. Once again, we offered both the Northern Illinois AATG and the Chicago Area AATF with two-week scholarships for their testing & awards programs, but only the AATG was able to make use of the scholarship this year. The SBS provided $9,130 and Concordia provided $2,780 towards the total scholarship cost of $11,910.

Undergraduate College Support Scholarships
The Undergraduate College Support Scholarships provide support to students of Swiss heritage. There were 20 applicants and winners this year: eight in Category I (Seniors in High School), seven in Category II (Freshmen in College), and five in Category III (Sophomores or Juniors in College). The total amount of scholarships awarded was $18,000.

All 2018-2019 winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: http://www.sbschicago.org. Applications for the 2019-2020 year scholarships are available on our webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail.

Respectfully submitted, John Paluch
March 18, 2019 Chair, Education Committee

Excerpts of Thank you Notes from Scholarship Recipients:

. . .  This past year at U of I was exciting but also humbling . . . There were many late nights of hard work but also lots of laughs with new friends and rewarding satisfaction, with my hard work paying off during exams . . . Your scholarship has helped me continue my studies, and for that I am so grateful . . .

Thank you so much for believing in me, and helping me further my education. . . . Thank you so much for the award! I am very excited to attend Waldsee and improve my language skills. . . . We just shared this information with our son. He is over the moon!!!!! So are we! Wow!!! Thank you!
2018 WINNERS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS


Croom, Sabrina K. (Purdue University)  
Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academy
Nolan, Juliana S. (University of IL Urbana)  
George Westinghouse College Prep
Pugh, Amber A. (University of Southern CA)  
Lane Tech College Prep High School
Ruiz, Edgar (De Paul University)  
Lane Tech College Prep High School

WINNERS OF THE College Support SCHOLARSHIP 2018/2019

GROUP I – High School Seniors

Ammon, Mary E. $1,000  
Gerstbrein, Nicolas J. $750
Jaeggin, Matthew T. $1,000  
Leman, Milan CH. $750
Masquelier, Max J. $1,000  
Renwick, Sean J. $1,000
Rohner, Claudia H. $1,000  
Saxe, Stephanie L. $750

GROUP II - Freshmen

Faessler, Erik M. $1,000  
Klaus, Matthew R. $1,000
Kovach, Nicholas A $1,000  
Kovach, Stephen J. $1,000
Mark, Skyler A. $750  
Moser, Jacome $750
Wuethrich, Lea E. $750

GROUP III – Juniors & Sophomores

Douglass, Noelle K. $1,000  
Guercio, Sabrina J. $1,000
Joens, Alexander M. $750  
Rykowski, Peter J. $1,000
Shotton, Jared L. $750

CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGE AWARDS SUMMER 2018

1-Week $830 each / 2-Weeks $1020 each

GERMAN – 1 Week
Bowman, Paige  
Faulkner, Marissa
Jaeger, Monica  
Mattson, Brock
Schroeder, Rika

FRENCH – 1 Week
Crooks, Maysa  
Pecore, Ava
Skura, Linea  
Zuniga, Adriana

ITALIAN – 1 Week
Lindgren, Sofia

AATG–German 2-Weeks
Rush, Richard