Education Committee Annual Report for 2024

Chair: John Paluch

Members: Ernie Brauchli, Fred Glure, Silvia Schmid-Rykowski, Robert Streit

The Education Committee continued funding its three scholarship programs in 2024 and was pleased that the Concordia Language Villages supported our CLV program by contributing $345 per scholarship to each of the scholarship recipients. Working with the Villages, we were able to promote their own Passport scholarships, so that some of our students receiving one-week SBS/CLV Scholarships were able to attend two-week sessions, because of these Passport Scholarships from the Villages.

We once again awarded Merit Scholarships to Chicago Public School graduating seniors and Undergraduate Scholarships to students of Swiss ancestry. For the fifth year, our administrator, Ursula Furrer facilitated the collection of all applications using emails and attachments, thus reducing dramatically the problems associated with submissions using the U.S. Postal Service. The members of the Education Committee are very pleased that the SBS can continue to support so many different students from metropolitan Chicago, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. The SBS paid out **$42,750** in scholarship money to grade school, high school and college students during the 2024-2025 academic year.

During 2024, we explored a new scholarship for attendance at the World Camp Summer Program organized by the Lycée Français. As an exploratory project, we will support one scholarship in German, French and Italian for a three-week session and intend to continue this project in future years.

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 are continuing to work with Lane Tech College Prep, Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy and George Westinghouse College Prep and all three schools were able to provide us applications. This year the committee awarded one scholarship each to students at Lane and Westinghouse and two scholarships to students from Brooks, resulting in a total of expenditure of **$10,000.**

Undergraduate College Support Scholarships

The Undergraduate College Support Scholarships provide support to students of Swiss heritage. There were 16 applicants and winners this year: five in Category I (Seniors in High School), four in Category II (First Year in College), and 7 in Category III (Sophomores or Juniors in College). *8 students received a $1,500 scholarship, one student received $1,750 and seven students received $2,000. The total amount of scholarships awarded was **$27,750.**

Language Immersion Scholarships for Concordia Language Villages

We awarded 4 one-week scholarships to students studying German. The total value of the language sessions was **$7,980,** and we paid **$5,000** to the Villages**.**

All 2024-2025 winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: http://www.sbschicago.org**.** Applications for the 2025-26 year scholarships are available on our webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail.

Winners of the Merit Scholarships 2024/2025 ($2,000 each)

Baily, Deja	Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep
Carreno, Giovanny	Westinghouse College Prep
Galdino, Gilberto	Westinghouse College Prep
Nieto, Natalie	Lane Tech College Prep
Kaur, Ramdeep	Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep

Winners of the SBS Undergraduate Scholarships 2024/2025

Group I – High School Seniors

Corder, Schandy, $1,500
Dubsky, Joseph, $1,500
Faessler, Kaeana, $1,750
Hautzinger, Samantha, $2,000
Reedy, Asher, $2,000

Group II – First Year Students

Homberger, Eileen $1,500
Paschoud, Lauren, $1,500
Rey, Hanna, $2,000
Watkins, David, $2,000

Group III Sophomores & Juniors

Brand, Samuel $1,500
Crolla, Jenna $2,000
Dybro, Rachel $2,000
Faessler, Malia $2,000.00
Hautzinger, Hannah $1,500
Kaegi, Isabel $1,500.00
Solenberger, Desiree $1,500

CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGE AWARDS SUMMER 2024

1-week sessions – (Value =$1345), 2-week sessions – (Value =$2600)

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German Sessions 1-week sessions

Abboud, Kai Nour,
Abboud, Maja Josephine,
Adelson, Gabriela,
Van De Walker, Emily Bella,

AATG-Prize Winner – 2-week session

Daguinsin, Chris,