



# SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

## **SBS Scholarship Awards for Language Immersion At the Concordia Language Villages in Summer 2023**

The Swiss Benevolent Society is pleased to continue its tradition of offering scholarships to the Concordia Language Villages in northern Minnesota. This scholarship program was begun 26 years ago with the intention of helping students in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana find an opportunity to learn one of the four official languages spoken in Switzerland. We are very proud of the 400+ students who have participated in this program over the past 25 years and are convinced that the one or two weeks spent at the Language Villages have impacted the participants' university studies, professional work and participation in community life with family and friends. To date we have paid out over \$359,000 in scholarship funding and are very pleased that we can continue this tradition of co-funding scholarships with the Concordia Language Villages!

### **GET TO KNOW A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE!**

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago is sponsoring scholarship awards for a summer language immersion experience in French, German, or Italian at the *Concordia Language Villages* in northern Minnesota in the summer of 2023.

**ONE-WEEK YOUTH EXPLORATION:** A program for elementary and high school students between 8 and 15 years of ages. Students may begin learning a new language or continue learning a language that they have been studying at school or at home.

**French** 6/12/23-6/17/23 or 7/31/23-8/5/23 (Open to ages 8-15)

**German** 7/31/23- 8/5/23 (Open to ages 8-15)

**Italian** 7/31/23- 8/5/23 (Open to ages 8-15)

- Any student residing in Illinois, Wisconsin or Indiana can apply.
- Applications are available on our website at [www.sbschicago.org](http://www.sbschicago.org) under "Education".
- All applications are read and winners are selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by March 15, 2023.
- Awards are for tuition only. Winners are responsible for travel costs. The decisions of the SBS Education Committee are final.
- Application deadline: February 28, 2023

**NEW IN 2023:** Students can also apply directly to the Concordia Language Villages for a **Passport Scholarship** which can be combined with the SBS Scholarship. With a 1-week SBS scholarship combined with a 1-week Passport Scholarship, students may choose from any of the 2-week programs offered in June, July, and August. Families may also choose to self-pay a second week. (SBS \$1345 + \$1255 = \$2600 – cost of 2-week session.) SBS Scholarships and Passport Scholarships may also be used for 4-week High School Credit Programs.

Application forms are available on our website: <http://www.sbschicago.org/education> or can be requested by contacting our administrator, Ursula Furrer at [ursula.furrer@gmail.com](mailto:ursula.furrer@gmail.com)

Requests for applications can also be made by mail:

Swiss Benevolent Society  
P.O. Box 2137  
Chicago, IL 60690-2137



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## APPLICATION: SUMMER 2023 LANGUAGE IMMERSION EXPERIENCE Concordia Language Villages in Moorhead, MN

### A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

(To be filled out by the applicant or his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s))

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write legibly, since you will be notified via e-mail)

PARENTS' NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street/Apt.

City State Zip Tel.

PARENTS' E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. PROGRAM CHOICE

We are offering a scholarship for a one-week Youth Exploration Session at the Concordia Language Villages. These programs are for beginners or those who have already studied the language. Please read carefully and indicate which language and session you are applying for.

#### ONE-WEEK YOUTH EXPLORATION

- One-week immersion in German 7/31/23- 8/5/23 (Open to ages 8-15)
- One-week immersion in French 6/12/23-6/17/23 (Open to ages 8-15)
- One-week immersion in French 7/31/23-8/5/23 (Open to ages 8-15)
- One-week immersion in Italian 7/31/23- 8/5/23 Open to ages 8-15

NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you are currently in: \_\_\_\_\_ Your native language: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently studying or have you studied a foreign language(s) before?  No  Yes

Indicate language(s) and length of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever studied a language at the Concordia Language Villages in Moorhead, MN?

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Length of stay: \_\_\_\_\_



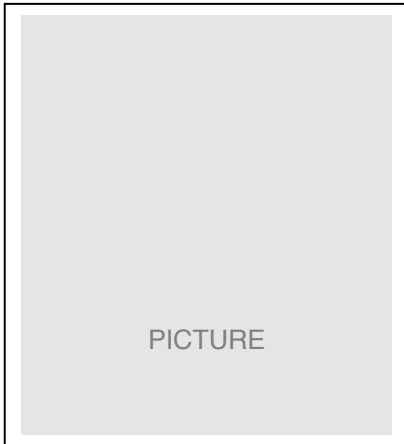
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## C. STATEMENT BY THE STUDENT

(To be filled out by the applicant)

Please describe what it means to you to study another culture / language and why you would like to participate in the Concordia Language Villages Program in the summer of 2023.



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## D. STATEMENT BY THE PARENTS

(To be filled out by the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s))

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please write legibly, since you will be notified via e-mail)*

Please indicate that you would support your child's plan to study at the Concordia Language Villages in Moorhead, MN in the summer of 2023. In addition, briefly share your thoughts on why you think it is important for your child.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## E. STATEMENT BY THE TEACHER

(To be filled out by the applicant's language teacher or a teacher who knows the applicant best)

Name of applicant for whom you write a letter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teacher: Mr. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone you can be reached if necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please write legibly in case we need to get in touch with you)*

How long have you known the student and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us your brief assessment whether this student would be an ideal candidate for a one-week Youth Exploration program at the Language Villages in Moorhead, MN in the summer of 2023. Describe the student's scholastic ability in your class, his or her social interactions, and his or her attitude toward learning (or wanting to learn) a foreign language.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send **completed application** to the address below (or scan and email [ursula.furrer@gmail.com](mailto:ursula.furrer@gmail.com)). Candidates will be selected from the pool of qualified applicants by random drawing. All candidates will be notified by **March 15, 2023**. Awards are for tuition, room, and board. Winners are responsible for travel costs.

A student who receives a scholarship will be asked to pay a refundable deposit (\$125 for Youth Exploration) with the registration. If the student attends the language immersion camp, the deposit will be refunded to the student. If the student applies but does not attend or cancels on short notice (you need to cancel four weeks before your camp begins), the student will forfeit the deposit.

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