



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

SBS Scholarship Awards for Language Immersion At the Concordia Language Villages in Summer 2025

The Swiss Benevolent Society is pleased to continue its tradition of offering scholarships to the Concordia Language Villages in Minnesota. This scholarship program was begun 28 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 28 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 provided over \$380,000 in scholarship funding, and we are 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 2025.

ONE-WEEK YOUTH OVERNIGHT: A program for elementary and high school students between 7 and 18 years of age. Students may begin learning a new language or continue learning a language that they have been studying at school or at home.

French	6/9/25 - 6/14/25 (Open to ages 7-18) 7/28/25 - 8/2/25 (Open to ages 7-12)
German	6/9/25 - 6/14/25 (Open to ages 8-12) 8/11/25 - 8/16/25 (Open to ages 7-15) 8/18/25 - 8/23/25 (Open to ages 7-13)
Italian	7/21/25 - 7/26/25 (Open to ages 7-17) 8/4/25 - 8/9/25 (Open to ages 8 -17)

- Any student residing in Illinois, Wisconsin or Indiana can apply.
- Applications are available on our website at 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 February 15, 2025.
- Awards are for tuition only. Winners are responsible for travel costs. The decisions of the SBS Education Committee are final.
- Application deadline: **Friday, January 31, 2025**

Again in 2025: 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 \$1395 + \$1300 = \$2695 – 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

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 2025 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' NAMES: _____

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 as well as for those who have already studied the language. Please read carefully and indicate which language and session you are applying for.

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	8/4/25 - 8/9/25 (Open to ages 8-17) []

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 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)

YOUR NAME: _____

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 2025.



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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: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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 2025. In addition, briefly share your thoughts on why you think it is important for your child.

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 will write a letter: _____

Name of Teacher: Mr. / Ms. _____ School: _____

Telephone where 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 of whether this student would be a strong candidate for a one-week Youth Exploration program at the Language Villages in Moorhead, MN in the summer of 2025. 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please scan and email to ursula.furrer@gmail.com or send this completed application to the address below. Candidates will be selected from the pool of qualified applicants after review of the application and by random drawing. All candidates will be notified by **February 15, 2025**. 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 (\$150 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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Education Committee, P.O. BOX 2137
Chicago, IL 60690-2137**

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