



THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY - HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago is a not-for-profit organization chartered in the State of Illinois. The Society was founded in 1872, shortly after the destructive Chicago fire in an effort to helping members of the Swiss Community of Chicago to weather the hardships inflicted upon them by the fire. Over time, the Society widened its scope while growing its fund through generous contributions and its investment activities. Projects included the financial support of Swiss community members hit by disasters, disability or the inability to find work. Distributions of the Society are limited to the proceeds generated from its accruing funds. In more recent times, the focus of the Society has turned toward the following lines of financial support:

- Monthly stipends to elderly and/or handicapped citizens of Swiss descent; funding of senior member gatherings.
- Undergraduate collegiate scholarship grants to students of Swiss descent, having permanent residence in the Greater Chicago area, the state of Illinois or parts of Wisconsin, awarded by annual competition.
- Funding assistance for special events of cultural and other nature directly related to Swiss heritage or benefiting the Chicago area Swiss Community at large, as far as tax laws permit it.

For further information or online payments please visit our web-site: <http://www.sbschicago.org>

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SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2024

Payments are due on or before March 2, 2024

YES, ___ I want to become a member! ___ Please enroll or renew my membership me in the following category:

- ☐ Senior Member \$10; ☐ Individual Member \$20; ☐ Family Member \$40;
☐ Patron \$50; ☐ Benefactor \$100; ☐ Life Member \$1,000;
☐ **Corporate Member \$250; ☐ Additional Donation _____;

Name(s) _____

Name(s) and age(s) of children under 21 years _____

**Company Name _____ Type of business _____

**Contact Person _____ Title _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Age group: ☐ 21-40 ☐ 41-64 ☐ 65 +

Enclosed is my check of \$ _____ payable to the Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago

Please mail this application/ renewal form together with your check to:

Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago, Membership Chair, PO Box 2137, Chicago IL 60690-2137

For Online Payments please visit www.sbschicago.org/membership

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago is a non-profit, private foundation, organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Incorporated in Illinois on August 14, 1872.



THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO -DONOR CATAGORIES

All membership donations are fully tax deductible

Senior Annual Membership \$10.00

Applicable to persons 65 years of age or older, general membership privileges, invitations to Senior Member Gatherings and other events.

Individual Annual Membership \$20.00

General membership privileges, invitations to functions in conjunction with the Society's general activities.

Family Annual Membership \$40.00

Applicable to couples including children up to 21 years of age; general membership privileges, invitations to functions in conjunction with the Society's general activities.

Patron Annual Membership \$50.00

Applicable to individuals or couples: In addition to general membership privileges, Patrons receive invitations to "members only" functions in conjunction with the Society's special activities.

Benefactor Annual Membership \$100.00

Applicable to individuals or couples: In addition to general membership privileges, Patrons receive invitations to "members only" functions in conjunction with the Society's special activities.

Life Membership \$1,000.00

Applicable to individuals or couples: In addition to general membership privileges, Life Members receive invitations to "members only" functions in conjunction with the Society's special activities.