



## SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

### YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2004)

Chair: Franziska Lys

Members: Ernie Brauchli, JJ L'Eplattenier, Sven Feldmann, John Paluch

The Education Committee has continued to offer undergraduate scholarships and language immersion scholarships at the Concordia Languages Village for the year 2004. We felt that there was a real need and appreciation in the community for this kind of support.

Both scholarships were advertised through direct mailings to the membership, through e-mail, and on our web page. Applications were available from the webpage directly or could be requested through e-mail or regular mail.

The *Undergraduate* Scholarships provides support to students of Swiss decent having permanent residence in the greater Chicago area (Illinois and Southern Wisconsin) for their college education. In the spring 2004, we received 26 complete applications: 7 applications in Group I (High School Seniors), 8 applications in Group II (College Freshmen), and 11 applications in Group III (College Sophomores and Juniors). The committee members evaluated all applications and read, scored and ranked the essays. We gave out 25 scholarships for a total of \$ 28,000.

The popular *two-week language immersion experience* at the Concordia Language Villages at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota during the summer 2004 attracted students from 8 to 18 years of age residing in Illinois, Wisconsin, or Indiana. The committee awarded 13 two-week immersion experiences at Concordia for a total of \$ 15,145. Ten scholarships were awarded through a random drawing. Two scholarships were given to the winners of the AATG language contest and one scholarship was given to the winner of the AATF language contest.

This year's winners are listed on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>. The members of the education committee congratulate the current winners and wish them lots of success.

Committee members are especially eager to continue their work exploring new ideas. We are planning on providing scholarships to support college education and two-week immersions at the Concordia Language Villages again in 2005. In addition, we are providing financial support for an immersion weekend on Switzerland for language instructors in Illinois and Wisconsin, and we are exploring the possibility of two SBS scholarships each year for students enrolled in one of the Universities in the greater Chicago area. We hope that you are interested in our work and will visit the Society's web page regularly for new announcements.

Respectfully submitted,  
March 1, 2005

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.  
Chair, Education Committee



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### WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES AWARDS

SUMMER 2004

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Figgures Shyla         | \$ 1165.00 |
| Franklin Myteria       | \$ 1165.00 |
| Gardner Stephanie      | \$ 1165.00 |
| Jackson Lesley         | \$ 1165.00 |
| McFarland Ronald       | \$ 1165.00 |
| Ploss Miranda Lauren   | \$ 1165.00 |
| Price Shaina           | \$ 1165.00 |
| Sieber Alex            | \$ 1165.00 |
| Steele Tyra            | \$ 1165.00 |
| Urlaub Lena            | \$ 1165.00 |
| Catherine McGath, AATG | \$ 1165.00 |
| John Birk, AATG        | \$ 1165.00 |
| Samantha Malecki, AATF | \$ 1165.00 |

### WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE TUITION SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

2004/2005 SCHOOL-YEAR

#### Group I (High School Seniors)

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Paschke Alexander | \$ 1,500 |
| Krattiger Rahel   | \$ 1,500 |
| Ray Zoe           | \$ 1,500 |
| Nguyen Ankie      | \$ 1,000 |
| Bouchareb Jalila  | \$ 1,000 |
| Kieser Philip     | \$ 1,000 |
| Noe Kristen       | \$ 500   |

#### Group II (Freshmen)

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Klick Jeffrey     | \$ 1,500 |
| Sawosko Colleen   | \$ 1,500 |
| DeVorce Veronica  | \$ 1,500 |
| Stoller Lucas     | \$ 1,500 |
| Koller Emily      | \$ 1,000 |
| Mendoza Mike      | \$ 1,000 |
| Waldmeier Cynthia | \$ 1,000 |
| Mademann Adam     | \$ 500   |

#### Group III (Juniors or Sophomores)

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Lanz Nicholas    | \$ 1,500 |
| Nickel Luran     | \$ 1,500 |
| Lenser Brenda    | \$ 1,500 |
| Taylor Jennifer  | \$ 1,500 |
| Hofmann Courtney | \$ 1,000 |
| Niehaus Robin    | \$ 1,000 |



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|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| DuVoisin Jessica  | \$ 1,000 |
| Lustenberger Ryan | \$ 500   |
| Freeman David     | \$ 500   |
| Abbinanti Peter   | \$ 500   |

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### Scholarship Awards for College Tuition Support

(School-year 2005/2006)

The Swiss Benevolent Society is sponsoring scholarship awards for tuition support for undergraduate college students of Swiss decent\* having permanent residence in the greater Chicago area. The goal is to support and encourage students to pursue an education tailored to their interests and talents.

- Who can apply: High school seniors or College students.
- ◆ The applicant must be either a Swiss national with permanent US residency permit or of Swiss decent with documents of proof.
  - ◆ The applicant must reside permanently in the state of Illinois or Southern Wisconsin (Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, LaFayette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties only). Swiss students studying in the US on a student or visitor's visa are not eligible.

Application: The application material is be available on our web site (<http://sbschicago.org>) Application deadline is April 1, 2005.

Notification: Financial need not being a requirement, all candidates will be judged on academic merit only. Winners will be notified by June 1, 2005.

Award level: Awards are for tuition only.

\*Preference will be given to applicants studying for their first undergraduate degree.

### Scholarship Awards for a Two-Week Language Immersion

Summer 2005

The Swiss Benevolent Society is sponsoring scholarship awards for a two-week language immersion experience in French, German or Italian at the Concordia Language Villages in Northern Minnesota in the summer of 2005.

Who can apply: Any student between the ages of 8 to 18 residing in Illinois, Wisconsin, or Indiana.

Application: The application material is available on our web site (<http://sbschicago.org>). Application deadline is April 1, 2005.

Notification: Winners will be selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2005.

Award level: Awards are for tuition only. Winners are responsible for travel costs.



## **SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO**

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If you would like an application form through the mail, write to: Swiss Benevolent Society, Education Committee, P.O. Box 2137, Chicago, IL 60690-2137. For questions, send an e-mail to the following address: [education@sbschicago.org](mailto:education@sbschicago.org).