



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2010)

Chair: Franziska Lys

Members: Ernie Brauchli, Catherine Danz, Lisa Egli, Daniel Keller, John Paluch

We awarded \$ 40'000 in scholarship to a variety of students in the greater Chicago area. The scholarships are meant to give financial relief to families and to make a difference in the life of our young people by helping them reach their dreams and goals. The 2010-2011 winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>.

Merit Scholarship

Supporting highly qualified, low-income students with plans to study at a four-year college was our major concern this year again. We awarded five scholarships à \$ 2000 each: two scholarships went to Jones College Preparatory School, three to Lane Tech High School. Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy did not send in any applications. The winning students were highly qualified, motivated young people with ambitious academic goals who showed great potential for a successful college career.

Two-Week Language Immersion at Concordia Language Villages

The committee again received more than 80 applications in March from students who wanted to be the lucky winners of a two-week language immersion experience at the Concordia Language Villages at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. We awarded thirteen two-week scholarships of \$1500 (with Concordia offering a rebate of \$100 per child) for a total of \$19,500. Eleven scholarships were awarded to students in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana (seven for German, 1 for Italian, and 3 for French). One scholarship was given to the winner of the AATG language contest and one to the winner of the AATF language contest. This continues to be a very popular scholarship.

Undergraduate College Support Scholarships

The *Undergraduate College Support Scholarships* provide support to students for their college education. This scholarship again attracted a wonderful group of applicants. After careful evaluation of all applications, we selected the winners: seven in Category I (Seniors in High School), four in Category II (Freshmen in College), and seven in Category III (Sophomore or Juniors in College). We awarded a total of \$10,500 among the students in the three categories.

Applications for the 2011 scholarships are available from the webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail. We will continue to provide support for underprivileged yet ambitious students in the Chicago area who are planning to go to college. We will continue to support undergraduate students going to college, and we will collaborate again with Concordia to provide scholarships for their language immersion program in the summer 2011. I would like to thank all members of the Education Committee who continue to help evaluate the scholarship applications and select the winners.



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Respectfully submitted,
February 19, 2011

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.
Chair, Education Committee



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WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE IMMERSION AWARDS 2010 (\$ 1500 each)

GERMAN

Daisyareli Martin, 6th Grade
Cecilia Kern Brown, 7th Grade
Emma Traband, 8th Grade
David Shkurti, 8th Grade
Parys Page Oquendo, 9th Grade
Risun Udawatta, 10th Grade
Christian Martin, 11th Grade

ITALIAN

Gillis Benson- Scollon, 7th Grade

FRENCH

Marie-Rose Fuchs, 7th Grad
Itzel Jazmin Lopez-Hinojosa, 9th Grade
Araceli Robles, 10th Grade

Stephen Shatzer (AATG)

Richard Stewart (AATF)

WINNERS OF THE SBS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2010 (\$ 2000 each)

From Brooks College Preparatory School

Kadesia Woods
Dasia Skinner

From Lane Tech

Malgorzata Labno
Safiya Merchant
Jaime Ruen

WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS 2010/2011

Group I

Joens Melissa	\$ 1000
Guercio Ryan	\$ 500
Short Morgan	\$ 500
Streit Calvin	\$ 500
Troxler Victoria	\$ 500
Inglin Eric	\$ 500
Wittman Hannah	\$ 500

Group II

Schumacher Martin	\$ 1000
Lenser Paul	\$ 500
Moser Bailey	\$ 500
Paschke Aaron	\$ 500

Group III

Zraggen Yvonne	\$ 1000
Grisa Jacob	\$ 500
Huber Katrin	\$ 500
Kuenzle Paula	\$ 500
Laborde Anna	\$ 500
Paschke Daniel	\$ 500



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Roose Laura

\$ 500



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Scholarship Awards for College Tuition Support

School-year 2011/2012

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 15, 2011.

Notification: Financial need not being a requirement, all candidates will be judged on academic merit only. Winners will be notified by July 30, 2011.

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 at Concordia

Summer 2012

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 2010.

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 March 15, 2011.

Notification: Winners will be selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by April 20, 2011.



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

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 e-mail to the following address: education@sbschicago.org.