



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2011)

Chair: Franziska Lys

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We awarded more than \$ 40'000 in scholarship money to a variety of students in the greater Chicago area. The scholarships are meant to make a difference in the life of our young people by helping them reach their dreams and goals. Here are parts of two thank you notes we received from applicants:

I just wanted to express my thanks to you for granting me one of the 2011/2012 scholarships. I am so happy that my application stood out to you enough to choose me over many qualified applicants. Receiving this money is such a gift because it helps to ease my worries about the debt I will have after college.

I am writing to thank you, the education committee and the Swiss Benevolent Society for your SBS Scholarship Award of \$ 500. I am honored by your generosity. I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to research and to compare the Swiss and American alcohol consumption and driving. The assignment made me think a lot about the different cultures of Switzerland and America.

We have three scholarship categories:

Merit Scholarship

Merit Scholarships support highly qualified, low-income students with plans to study at a four-year college. We awarded five scholarships à \$ 2000 each: one scholarship went to Jones College Preparatory School, two to Lane Tech High School, and two to Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy.

Two-Week Language Immersion at Concordia Language Villages

Winners of the Concordia Language Villages scholarship can study a language for two-week in the summer at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. We received over 60 applications from young people who wanted to be the lucky winners. We awarded thirteen two-week scholarships worth about \$1500 each (with Concordia offering a rebate of \$100 per child) . Eleven scholarships were awarded to students in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana, one scholarship was given to the winner of the AATG language contest, and one to the winner of the AATF language contest.

Undergraduate College Support Scholarships

The *Undergraduate College Support Scholarships* provide support to students for their college education. After careful evaluation of all applications (we especially enjoyed reading the informative essays on the legal age for driving and alcohol consumption) we selected the winners: ten in Category I (Seniors in High School), two in Category II (Freshmen in College), and six in Category III (Sophomore or Juniors in College).



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All 2011-2012 winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>. Applications for the 2011 scholarships are available on our webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail.

Respectfully submitted,
February 22, 2012

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.
Chair, Education Committee



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WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE IMMERSION AWARDS 2011 (\$ 1500 each)

GERMAN

- Koberdanz, Maximilian, 4th Grade
- Jaeger, Corinne, 4th Grade
- Archilla, Juan Carlos, 7th Grade
- Witzel, Samantha, 8th Grade: German
- Rodrigues, Alexander, 8th Grade
- Lebovic, Madelaine, 10th Grade

ITALIAN

- Moreno, Karina, 11th Grade

FRENCH

- Li, Shelly, 10th Grade
- Misey, Anne, 10th Grade
- Khalaf, Mary, 10th Grade
- Evangelista, JamieLaBelle, 11th Grade

AATG

Madvig, Chloe

AATF

Abbey, Rosalie

WINNERS OF THE SBS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2011 (\$ 2000 each)

From Brooks College Preparatory School

Reese, Jeremy

From Lane Tech

Nazeer, Rumana

Nieto, Benjamin

From Jones College Preparatory School

Valle, Manuel

Wright, Eranya

WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS 2011/2012

Group I (High School Seniors)

Jordan, Kayia	\$ 750
Münger, Ariana	\$ 750
Moser Emily	\$ 500
Lustenberger Ryan	\$ 500
Tanner Philip	\$ 500
Manion John	\$ 500
Klaus, Katherine	\$ 500
Murley, Katherine	\$ 500
Hoover Nikolas	\$ 500
Sloniger, Lauren	\$ 500

Group II (Freshmen)

Zwicky Kristen	\$ 750
Streit, Calvin	\$ 500

Group III (Juniors or Sophomores)

Huber, Kathrin	\$ 750
Schumacher, Martin	\$ 500



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Jacob Preston	\$ 500
Paschke ,Aaron	\$ 500
Moser, Bailey	\$ 500
Workman, Matthew	\$ 500



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Scholarship Awards for College Tuition Support

School-year 2012/2013

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 available on our web site (<http://sbschicago.org>)
Application deadline is April 15, 2012.

Notification: Financial need not being a requirement, all candidates will be judged on academic merit only. Winners will be notified after July 15, 2012.

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 2012.

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 31, 2012.

Notification: Winners will be selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by April 31 2012.



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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.