



THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY - HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago is a non for-profit organization chartered in the State of Illinois. The Society was founded in 1872, shortly after the destructive Chicago fire, and was designed at first to help out 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 towards 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 please visit our web-site: <http://www.sbschicago.org>

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SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES, I want to become a member! Please enroll me in the following category:

- Senior Member Individual Member Family Member
 Patron Benefactor Life Member
 **Corporate Member 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 plus

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

Please mail this application together with your check to:

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



THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO - DONOR CATEGORIES

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.
- **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; Patron membership privileges, invitations to "members only" functions in conjunction with the Society's special activities.
- **Benefactor Annual Membership** **\$100.00**
Applicable to individuals or couples, Benefactor membership privileges, invitations to "members only" functions in conjunction with the Society's special activities.
- **Life Membership** **\$1,000.00**
Applicable to individuals or couples, Life membership privileges, invitations to "members only" Functions in conjunction with the Society's special activities.