



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The committee members decided to continue to offer undergraduate scholarships and language immersion scholarships at the Concordia Languages Village for the year 2003. We felt that there was a real need and appreciation in the community for this kind of support. Indeed, the record number of applications received indicated that we were correct in our assessment. In particular, the two-week language and culture immersion experience at the Concordia Language Villages seems to be of special value to the recipients, as these scholarships often reach children or young adults for whom such a two-week language camp makes a lifelong impression.

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* were for students of Swiss decent having permanent residence in the greater Chicago area (Illinois and Southern Wisconsin) who needed support for their college education. The goal was to encourage students of the Chicago area Swiss community to pursue an education that would help them achieve their dreams. In the spring 2003, we received 33 complete applications: 11 applications in Group I (High School Seniors), 8 applications in Group II (College Freshmen), and 14 applications in Group III (College Sophomores and Juniors). The committee members evaluated all applications and read, scored and ranked the essays. We had received particularly strong applications this year and the committee decided to honor all applicants with a scholarship. We gave out 13 scholarships @ \$ 1500 each, 11 scholarships @ \$ 1000, and 9 scholarships @ \$ 500 for a total of \$ 35,000.

Students from 8 to 18 years of age residing in Illinois, Wisconsin, or Indiana were eligible to apply for a *two-week language immersion experience* at the Concordia Language Villages at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota during the summer 2003. The goal for this scholarship was to ensure that young people have the opportunity to learn, through language and culture studies, about Switzerland and its relationship to other countries in Europe. The committee awarded 14 two-week immersion experiences at Concordia for a total of \$ 15,400. The children who won were between 12 and 18 years old and came from the City of Chicago, from Illinois and from Wisconsin. 10 scholarships were awarded through a random drawing. Two scholarships were given to the winners of the AATG language contest and two scholarships were given to the winners of the AATF language contest.

Last year's and this year's winners are listed on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>. The members of the education committee congratulate the new winners of SBS scholarships and we wish them lots of success in all of their endeavors, small and large.

Committee members are especially eager to continue their work this year as the planned restructuring of the society will allow us to propose additional ways to support educational needs. We hope that you are interested in our work and will visit the Society's web page regularly for new announcements.

Respectfully submitted,
May 2, 2004

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.
Chair, Education Committee



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WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES AWARDS SUMMER 2003

1	Christensen Eric	\$	1100.00
2	Cross Erin Ashley	\$	1100.00
3	Dickinson Kendra	\$	1100.00
4	Eisenschmied Alexander	\$	1100.00
5	Ellis Marc	\$	1100.00
6	Graves Amanda	\$	1100.00
7	Greve Larisa	\$	1100.00
8	Jacobson Irene	\$	1100.00
9	Kaminska Agata	\$	1100.00
10	Loden Todd	\$	1100.00
11	Leyva Victor Manuel	\$	1100.00

AATG

12	Doran Gerard	\$	1100.00
13	Strain Jessica	\$	1100.00

AATF

14	Anderson Meghan	\$	1100.00
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WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2003/2004 SCHOOL-YEAR

GROUP I

1	DeVora Veronica	\$	1,500.00
2	Jeanneret Danielle	\$	1,500.00
3	Kuyken Scott	\$	1,500.00
4	Mendoza Mike	\$	1,500.00
5	Koller Emily	\$	1,000.00
6	Mademann Adam	\$	1,000.00
7	Sawosko Colleen	\$	1,000.00
8	Waldmeyer Cynthia	\$	1,000.00
9	Austin Christian	\$	500.00
10	Igl Jonathan	\$	500.00
11	Klick Jeffrey	\$	500.00

GROUP II

1	Lenser Brenda	\$	1,500.00
2	Nickel Lauren	\$	1,500.00
3	Zuercher Joseph	\$	1,500.00
4	Lustenberger Ryan	\$	1,000.00
5	Miner Laura	\$	1,000.00
6	Freeman David	\$	1,000.00
7	Keller Benjamin	\$	500.00
8	Klick Jimmy	\$	500.00

GROUP III

1	Hofmann Courtney	\$	1,500.00
2	Jernberg Tanya	\$	1,500.00
3	Julmy Jessica	\$	1,500.00
4	Laursen Julie	\$	1,500.00
5	Niehaus Robin	\$	1,500.00
6	Roose Peter	\$	1,500.00
7	DuVoisin Jessica	\$	1,000.00
8	Gerhart Jacqueline	\$	1,000.00
9	Rieppel Lukas	\$	1,000.00



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10	Taylor Jennifer	\$	1,000.00
11	Koster Tara	\$	500.00
12	Lanz Nicholas	\$	500.00
13	Wittman Emily	\$	500.00
14	Yoss Enca	\$	500.00