



## SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

### YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2005)

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In 2005, we were able to offer *undergraduate support scholarships* and *scholarships for a two-week immersion language learning experience*.

The *Undergraduate* Scholarships provided 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 2005, we received 32 completed applications: 10 applications in Group I (High School Seniors), 7 applications in Group II (College Freshmen), and 15 applications in Group III (College Sophomores and Juniors). After careful evaluation of all applications, we selected 22 winners. The scholarships given out amounted to a total of \$ 18,000.

There were more than 70 students applying for the popular *two-week language immersion experience* at the Concordia Language Villages at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota (up from 25 last year). The committee awarded 23 two-week scholarships for a total of almost \$ 25,000. Twenty 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 committee also provided financial support for an immersion weekend on Switzerland for language instructors in Illinois and Wisconsin. This immersion weekend, organized by AATG, took place in February and was, with about 70 participants, really well attended. Instructors in the workshop received the newest teaching material on Switzerland.

For the year 2006, the committee would like to continue to provide support for scholarships for college students and scholarships for summer immersion language study as done the year before. In addition, the committee decided to make six scholarships available for underprivileged yet ambitious students in the Chicago area who are planning to go to college. These scholarships should be seen as an attempt to strengthen the SBS's commitment to benevolence and to "give something back" to the Chicago area that has provided a home and support for early Swiss immigrants,

All scholarships are advertised through direct mailings to the membership, through e-mail, and on our web page. Applications are available from the webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail. We hope you are interested in our work and will visit the Society's web page regularly for new announcements.

Respectfully submitted,  
February 26, 2006

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.  
Chair, Education Committee



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## WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES AWARDS

### *Summer 2005*

Altekruse Jason	Porter Katie
Bersin Elizabeth	Saunders Ciara
Capron Marcy	Schoedel Kathryn
Drake Stephen	Smith Nashaye
Doerr Kallie	Smith Yost
Edward Kimber	Spizziri Nicole
Harris Jajuan	Tyler Joya
Holub Lisa	Watkins Ryan
Holston Imia	Weber Joseph
Keating Elizabeth	Winston Jonathan
McKissic Siobhan	Witzeling Zoe
Mitchel Nikida	

## WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE TUITION SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

### **2005/2006 SCHOOL-YEAR**

#### **Group I (High School Seniors)**

Zurbuchen David	\$ 1,500
Sonneborn Dustin	\$ 1,000
Zueger Patrick	\$ 1,000
Nguyen Stephanie	\$ 500
Reist Stephanie	\$ 500
Mendoza Marina	\$ 500
Mademan Curt	\$ 500

#### **Group II (Freshmen)**

Bouchareb Jalila	\$ 1,500
Kersten Tara	\$ 1,000
Kieser Phil	\$ 500
Krattiger Rahel	\$ 500
Paschke Alexander	\$ 500

#### **Group III (Juniors or Sophomores)**

Devore Veronica	\$ 1,500
Kieser Karen	\$ 1,500
Stoller Lucas	\$ 1,000
Nickel Lauren	\$ 1,000
Mendoza Mike``	\$ 1,000
Sawosko Colleen	\$ 500
Lustenberg Ryan	\$ 500
Kellenberger Trisha	\$ 500
Lenser Brenda	\$ 500
Waldmeyer Cynthia	\$ 500



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### Scholarship Awards for College Tuition Support

*School-year 2006/2007*

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, 2006.

Notification: Financial need not being a requirement, all candidates will be judged on academic merit only. Winners will be notified after June 1, 2006.

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 2006*

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 2006.

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, 2006.

Notification: Winners will be selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2006.

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



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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 e-mail to the following address: [education@sbschicago.org](mailto:education@sbschicago.org).