



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2007)

Chair: Franziska Lys
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We again had a big interest in our various scholarship categories in 2007 and we are happy to report that we were able to support quite a few students. All in all, we awarded scholarship in the amount of \$ 48'000. All winners are listed on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>.

Merit Scholarship

In late fall, we selected three Chicago Public School, Lane Tech High School, Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academy, and Whitney Young High School for the Merit Scholarship. Each school was asked to choose four highly qualified, low-income students to compete for a total of six \$2,000 scholarships. The students who applied were highly motivated with ambitious personal and educational goals. After reviewing the applications, the committee gave out six scholarships, three to Lane Tech High School and three to Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academy.

Language Immersion at Concordia Language Villages

The committee received more than 95 applications in March for the popular two-week language immersion experience at the Concordia Language Villages at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. Most students who applied wanted to study French and German. Only a handful of students indicated they wanted to study Italian. The committee awarded 21 two-week scholarships for a total of \$ 21,000 (This scholarship is awarded in collaboration with Concordia who covers part of the tuition.) Eighteen scholarships were awarded to students in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. 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. Three students did not accept the scholarship

Undergraduate College Support Scholarships

The Undergraduate College Support Scholarships provides support to students for their college education. It attracted a wonderful group of applicants as well. We received 23 completed applications: 11 applications in Group I (High School Seniors), 5 applications in Group II (College Freshmen), and 7 applications in Group III (College Sophomores and Juniors). After careful evaluation of all applications, we selected 20 winners who received scholarships in the amount of \$ 1500, \$ 1000, or \$ 500. The *Undergraduate College Support Scholarship* given out amounted to a total of \$ 18,000.

For the year 2007, the committee will continue to provide support for underprivileged yet ambitious students in the Chicago area who are planning to go to college. The schools participating this year are: Lane Tech High School, Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep. Academy, and Jones College Prep. We will continue to support undergraduate students going to college, and we will collaborate again with Concordia to provide 20 scholarships for their language immersion program in the summer 2008. All our efforts are an attempt to strengthen the SBS's commitment to benevolence and to "give something back" to the greater Chicago area that has provided a home and support for early Swiss immigrants,

Applications for the scholarships 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 .

Respectfully submitted,
February 224, 2008

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.
Chair, Education Committee



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WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE IMMERSION AWARDS 2007 (\$ 1000 each)

Bailey, Taylor	Sanchez, Omar
Brokaw, Everett	Seawall, Donnie
Caceres, Mitaly	Smith, Emmen
Clemens, Violet	Stampfli, Catherine
Delgado, Evelyn	Tunkevicius, Beata
Gaffney, Trevin	
Grandrath, Colleen	AATG
Handal, Hannah	Thomas Schulz
Kamka, Konnor	Lisa Tang
Kellogg, Jadee	
Nelson, Bobbie	AATF
Peterson, Lushana	Jeffrey Niedermaier
Pieters, Kelly	

WINNERS OF THE SBS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2007 (\$ 2000 each)

Andrzej Karwowski	Lane Tech
Roxana Ng	Lane Tech
Isna Kugshia	Lane Tech
Viincent Dixon	Brooks
Antonio Gutierrez	Brooks
Alexis Issacs	Brooks

WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS 2007/2008

Group I (High School Seniors)

Schulz Nathan	\$ 1,500
Wirth Caesar	\$ 1,000
Rohner Eric	\$ 1,000
Wirke Caitlin	\$ 1,000
Zurbuchen Allisa	\$ 1,000
Oberschmied Nicole	\$ 1,000
Paschke Daniel	\$ 1,000
Fiez Monica	\$ 500
Roose Laura	\$ 500
Moore Kristine	\$ 500
Lustenberger Neil	\$ 500

Group II (Freshmen)

Olson Sven	\$ 1,500
Ellsworth Nathan	\$ 1,000
Duvoisin Andrew	\$ 500

Group III (Juniors or Sophomores)

Mendoza Marina	\$ 1,500
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Zueger Patrick	\$ 1,000
Kieser Phil	\$ 1,000
Martin Lisa	\$ 1,000
Bouchareb Jalila	\$ 500
Mattson Jonathan	\$ 500

Scholarship Awards for College Tuition Support

School-year 2007/2008

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, 2007.

Notification: Financial need not being a requirement, all candidates will be judged on academic merit only. Winners will be notified after June 1, 2007.

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 2008

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 2008.

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, 2007.

Notification: Winners will be selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2007.

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.