



# SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

## YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2008)

Chair: Franziska Lys  
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We are happy to report that we were able to support quite a few students in their scholarly pursuits this year: we awarded scholarship in the amount of more than \$ 50'000. All winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>.

### ***Merit Scholarship***

The Merit Scholarship is given to highly qualified, low-income students with plans to study at a four-year college. We asked students from three Chicago Public Schools to compete for a total of \$ 12'000. Each school was asked to choose four students. The students who applied were highly motivated with ambitious personal and educational goals. After reviewing the applications, the committee gave out six scholarships, each \$ 2000: three to Jones College Preparatory School, one to Lane Tech High School and two to Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy.

### ***Language Immersion at Concordia Language Villages***

The committee received more than 84 applications in March for the popular two-week language immersion experience at the Concordia Language Villages at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. The committee awarded 20 two-week scholarships for a total of \$ 22,000 (This year tuition for a two-week session was \$1495. Concordia Language Villages made up the difference.) Seventeen 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. Most students who applied wanted to study French and German.

### ***Undergraduate College Support Scholarships***

The Undergraduate College Support Scholarships, which provides support to students for their college education, again attracted a wonderful group of applicants. We received 28 completed applications: 14 applications in Group I (High School Seniors), 5 applications in Group II (College Freshmen), and 9 applications in Group III (College Sophomores and Juniors). After careful evaluation of all applications, we selected the winners who received scholarships in the amount of \$ 20'000 (scholarship amounts ranged from \$ 1500, to \$ 1000, to \$ 500).

For the year 2009, we will have less funds to give out. Yet, we will continue to provide support for underprivileged yet ambitious students in the Chicago area who are planning to go to college. We will continue to support undergraduate students going to college, and we will collaborate again with Concordia to provide scholarships for their language immersion program in the summer 2009. Applications for the scholarships are available from the webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail. I would like to thank the members of my committee who continue to support our efforts and without whom I could not do it.

Respectfully submitted,  
February 18, 2009

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.  
Chair, Education Committee



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### WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE IMMERSION AWARDS 2008 (\$ 1100 each)

Katherine Ackermann	Brian Siwek
Eric Bersin	Ryan Slattery
Cecilia Brown	Rachel Smith
Emmett Drea	Robert Stefanic
Chanel Dunlap	Withney Welker
Molly Gstalter	
Kyle Harris	<b>AATG</b>
Taylor Hoffman	Holly Anetsberger
Alana Rinckenberger	Daniel Friedman
Kayla Sanger	
Dalton Schneider	<b>AATF</b>
Thomas Schultz	John Secaras

### WINNERS OF THE SBS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2008 (\$ 2000 each)

Li Ying Wu	(Jones College Prep)
Zoe K. Mendelson	(Jones College Prep)
Dominique Danielle Taylor	(Jones College Prep)
George Martinez	(Lane Tech)
Darrin Cornell Meaders II	(Gwendolyn Brooks)
Elicia Alexandra Sarhington	(Gwendolyn Brooks)

### WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS 2008/2009

#### Group I (High School Seniors)

Kuenzle Paula	\$ 1,500
Schopper Heather	\$ 1,000
Grisa Jacob	\$ 1,000
Diesbergen Denise	\$ 1,000
Wilhelm Tessa	\$ 1,000
Conway Caitlin	\$ 500
Sheeren Michael	\$ 500
Mademann Ryan	\$ 500
Cantlin Kelly	\$ 500
Ebnetter Vanessa	\$ 500
Braun Florian	\$ 500
Burgess Amanda	\$ 500
Short Megan	\$ 500

#### Group II (Freshmen)

Paschke Daniel	\$ 1,500
Roose Laura	\$ 1,000
Schulz Nathan	\$ 500
Lustenberger Neil	\$ 500
Rohner Eric	\$ 500

#### Group III (Juniors or Sophomores)

Ciupka Stephanie	\$ 1,500
Olsen Sven	\$ 1,000
Ellsworth Nathan	\$ 1,000



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Duvoisin Andrew	\$ 500
Pflederer Jessica	\$ 500
Stoller Connie	\$ 500
Zueger Patrick	\$ 500
Sieber Peter	\$ 500
Devore Katrin	\$ 500

### **Scholarship Awards for College Tuition Support**

*School-year 2008/2009*

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 15, 9.

Notification: Financial need not being a requirement, all candidates will be judged on academic merit only. Winners will be notified after June 15, 2009.

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 2009*

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, 2009.

Notification: Winners will be selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2009.

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



## **SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO**

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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).