



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2013)

Chair: Franziska Lys

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The committee members have worked hard and continue to work hard to support our younger generation in pursuit of their educational goals. We awarded about \$ 44'000 in scholarship money to a variety of students of all ages during the year 2013.

We continued to support three scholarship categories:

Merit Scholarship

Merit Scholarships support highly qualified, low-income students with plans to study at a four-year college. We awarded a total of five scholarships à \$ 2000 to Jones College Preparatory School (one), to Lane Tech High School (two), and to Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy (two).

Two-Week Language Immersion at Concordia Language Villages

Winners of the Concordia Language Villages scholarship can study a language for either one week (no experience in the language) or two weeks (previous experience in the language) in the summer at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. We received again many applications and awarded fourteen scholarships (with Concordia offering a rebate of for each child) to students in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. We supported two in German and two in French for the one-week scholarship and four in German and four in French the two week scholarship in addition to one two-week for AATG and one two-week for AATF. The total amount was about \$ 16,000.

Undergraduate College Support Scholarships

The *Undergraduate College Support Scholarships* provide support to students for their college education. From the applications, we selected 16 winners this year: seven in Category I (Seniors in High School), two in Category II (Freshmen in College), and seven in Category III (Sophomore or Juniors in College). The total amount of scholarships given out was \$ 18,000.00

All 2013-2014 winners are listed here and on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>. Applications for the 1214-15 scholarships are available on our webpage directly or through e-mail or regular mail.

Respectfully submitted,
March 12, 2014

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.
Chair, Education Committee



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WINNERS OF THE CONCORDIA LANGUAGE IMMERSION AWARDS 2013 (\$ 770 /1625 each)

GERMAN

- Giehler, Mikayla
- Lau Sarah
- Przybycin, Alexander
- Alvendia, Madeline
- Cantu, Victoria
- Sines, Samuel

FRENCH

- Calvillo, Sofia
- Lau, Rebecca
- Gosling, Anna
- Harrison, David
- Cheng, Brandon]
- Osborne, Taylor

AATG

- Kamat, Riya

AATF

- Weatherly, Madison

WINNERS OF THE SBS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2013 (\$ 2000 each)

From Brooks College Preparatory School

Johnson, Sade

From Lane Tech

Contreras, Moises

Kim, Soobin

Martines, Shajaya

Milankovic, Nikolina

Pidena, Hemran

WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS 2013/14

Group I (High School Seniors)

Barry, John	\$ 1,500
Behling, Evelyn	\$ 1,500
Dubsky, Gabriella	\$ 1,500
Guercio, Shannnon	\$ 1,000
Neuswanger, Alena	\$ 1,000
Murley, Benjamin	\$ 500
Tschuemperlin, Megan	\$ 500

Group II (Freshmen)

Zoells, Lydia	\$ 2,000
Münger, Alexandria	\$ 1,500

Group III (Juniors or Sophomores)

Streit, Calvin	\$ 1,500
Stoller, Cindy	\$ 1,500
Lustenberger, Alana	\$ 1,000
Moser, Emily	\$ 1,000
Münger, Ariana	\$ 1,000
Jordan, Kayla	\$ 500
Murley, Katherine	\$ 500



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Scholarship Awards for College Tuition Support (*School-year 2014/2015*)

Scholarship Awards for Undergraduate College Students

The Swiss Benevolent Society is sponsoring scholarship awards for undergraduate college students of Swiss descent 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. High school seniors or College students can apply. The applicant must be either a Swiss national with permanent US residency permit or of Swiss descent 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.
- Applications are available on our website at www.sbschicago.org under "Education".
- Application deadline: April 15, 2014.
- Notification: Financial need not being a requirement, all candidates will be judged on academic merit only.
- Winners will be notified after July 15, 2014
- Award level: Awards are for tuition only. (Preference will be given to applicants studying for their first undergraduate degree.)

Scholarship Awards for Language Immersion in the Summer 2014

The Swiss Benevolent Society is sponsoring scholarship awards for a language immersion experience in French, German, or Italian at the Concordia Language Villages in Northern Minnesota in the summer of 2014. We are offering two types of scholarships:

ONE-WEEK YOUTH EXPLORATION: a program for children between 7 and 15 years old who have not had any training in a language.

TWO-WEEK YOUTH IMMERSION: a program for children and young adults between 8 and 18 years of age who already have some prior foreign language experience.

- Any student residing in Illinois, Wisconsin or Indiana can apply.
- Applications are available on our website.
- Application deadline: March 15, 2014
- Winners will be selected from the pool of applicants through a random drawing. Winners will be notified by April 15, 2014.
- Awards are for tuition only. Winners are responsible for travel costs.

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 information, email education@sbschicago.org. or visit our website at: www.sbschicago.org