



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

YEARLY REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (2006)

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2006 was a great year for the Education Committee. We had a big interest in our various scholarships and were able to support many students. This year's winners are listed on the SBS web page at: <http://www.sbschicago.org>.

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago invited three Chicago Public School selective enrollment ("super-magnet") high schools to submit up to four applicants to compete for a total of six \$2,000 scholarships for highly qualified, low-income students. The schools were Lane Tech High School, Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academy, and Whitney Young High School. The applications were truly amazing. With an average GPA of 4.6 (out of 4.0) and ACT scores between 22 and 31 (98th percentile), the applicants were highly motivated, accomplished students with ambitious personal and educational goals. The students were of diverse backgrounds, including—as identified in their essay—Korean, Vietnamese, Ghanaese, American Muslim, and Chicagooan. One is a National Merit Scholar, all have been honor roll students four years running, some are members of the national honor society, are sports team captains, school paper editors, musicians, senior class vice presidents, or varsity debate champions. They had been admitted to, among others, Northwestern University, DePaul, UI-CU, and University of Chicago. A truly outstanding group of public high school students of which we were proud to award six with a Merit scholarship.

There were more than 65 students applying for the popular *two-week language immersion experience* at the Concordia Language Villages at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota (27 for French, 31 for German, and 7 for Italian). The committee awarded 20 two-week scholarships for a total of \$ 20,000. 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. The committee also provided travel support to Concordia for Chicago children.

The *Undergraduate* Scholarships providing support to students for their college education attracted a wonderful group of applicants as well. We received 43 completed applications: 22 applications in Group I (High School Seniors), 10 applications in Group II (College Freshmen), and 11 applications in Group III (College Sophomores and Juniors). After careful evaluation of all applications, we selected 24 winners. The college education scholarships given out amounted to a total of \$ 15,000.

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, for scholarships for college students, and for scholarships for summer immersion language study. These scholarships 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,

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 .

Respectfully submitted,
February 23, 2007

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.
Chair, Education Committee



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

Bay, Michelle	Ortega, Lashane
Blum, Lauren	Riggs, Sarah
Bougie, Melissa	Robertson, Veronica
Clark, Alleyha	Ruddick, Rachel
Gaskins, Kaelyn	Weinstein, Duncan
Houin, Clara	
Jackson, Alesia	AATG
Lai, Xiaofei	Pozdol, Ian
Maxey, Emma	Thomas, Cristina
McCune, Faith	
Mueller, Miranda	AATF
Mumm, Cassandra	Bak, Michelle

WINNERS OF THE SBS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2006 (\$ 2000 each)

Jason Yoo, Lane Tech
Son, Dang, Lane Tech
John, Han, Lane Tech
Riad, Haddad, Brooks
James, Castillo, Brooks
Hadiza, Mohammed, Brooks

WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE TUITION SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2006/2007

Group I (High School Seniors)

Olsen, Sven	\$ 1,000
Ciupka, Stephanie	\$ 1,000
Devore, Katrina	\$ 500
Duvoisin, Andrew	\$ 500
Trumpy, Shae	\$ 500
Sieber, Alexander	\$ 500
Cantlin, Amanda	\$ 500
Waldmeyer, Rosmarie	\$ 500
Ellsworth, Nathan	\$ 500
Mueller, Miranda	\$ 500
Blanc, Hans	\$ 500
Hostetler, Christine	\$ 500
Roszhart, Sarah	\$ 500
Stoller, Jeremy	\$ 500

Group II (Freshmen)

Mendoza, Marina	\$ 1,000
Figuera, Sandra	\$ 1,000
Zurbuchen, David	\$ 500
Reist, Stephanie	\$ 500
Nickel, Erik	\$ 500

Group III (Juniors or Sophomores)

Devore, Veronica	\$ 1,000
Mattson, Jonathan	\$ 1,000
Bouchareb, Jalila	\$ 500
Kersten, Tara	\$ 500
Sawosko, Colleen	\$ 500



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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

Summer 2007

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 2007.

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.

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.