



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

APPLICATION FOR THE SBS UNDERGRADUATE STUDY-SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 2021/2022

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the *SBS Scholarship*. Please read the following information carefully.

Eligibility:

In order to apply for an SBS Scholarship, you **must**

- reside permanently in the state of Illinois or Southern Wisconsin (resident of the following Wisconsin counties are eligible: Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, LaFayette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha);
- be either a Swiss National with permanent US residency permit or a US citizen of Swiss origin or of Swiss descent. We require official documents that prove your Swiss origin or descent, going back to the first ancestor with Swiss citizenship. (A complete string of official papers linking you to the Swiss ancestor is required. This is particularly important if the Swiss connection runs through the maternal line or the family name has changed several times. Family genealogies are not sufficient proof of ancestry since they usually only indicate place of birth, not place of origin (*Heimatort*) or place of citizenship.) Swiss students studying in the US on a student or visitor's visa are not eligible;
- Plan to attend college on a full-time basis for the entire 2021/22 school-year;
- Meet or exceed the following standards of scholastic performance:
 - **High School Seniors** must have a minimum exam score of 26 ACT or 1230 on SAT or higher.
 - **College Freshmen** must have a 3.3 grade point average (GPA on a scale of 4 = A) or better in their first semester/quarter at College.
 - **College Sophomores and Juniors** must have a grade point average of 3.3 (GPA on a scale of 4 = A) or better, as of the end of the fall semester or fall quarter 2020..

To apply, please submit the following:

- The completed application form, available at <http://www.sbschicago.org/education.html>
- A personal essay on the required theme outlined in the application;
- The Swiss Descent – Swissness- form with complete documentation.
- You must ask your High School and/or your College Registrar for transcripts and ACT/SAT test scores. Please give the enclosed form to the school administration. Transcripts must include all grade information through December 31, 2020, as well as your rank in class if available.

If you applied the previous year, the Swiss descent information does not need to be resubmitted.

Make sure you satisfy all eligibility criteria before you apply. Fill out the forms completely. Type or print neatly. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.

Applications must be emailed no later than April 15, 2021.

Please email to: ursula.furrer@gmail.com

All complete applications submitted by the deadline will be evaluated and ranked. Because financial need is not a factor, all applications will be judged based on academic merit and on the quality of the essay. Incomplete documentation establishing Swiss descent, academic standing, or eligibility will disqualify your application. The decisions of the SBS Education Committee are final. Thank you for applying, and we wish you all the best.

John Paluch
Chair, Education Committee, January 2021



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FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 2021/22

GENERAL INFORMATION PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____
(No School Address) Number/Street/Apt. County

City State Zip

PHONE: _____ E-mail: _____
(Please write/print legibly; we will communicate with you through e-mail)

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED FROM GRADE 9-12

Schools (s) Dates of Attendance Cumulative GPA

Graduation Date: _____ Class Rank: _____ of _____ students

Scores: ACT _____ Date: _____ SAT _____ Date: _____

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Schools (s) Dates of Attendance Cumulative GPA

Degree and Date received: _____ Major/Field: _____

Or Degree and Date expected: _____ Major/Field: _____



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APPLICATION (continued)

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY APPLICANT PLANS TO ATTEND IN 2021/22:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EDUCATIONAL PLANS: _____
Field of Study (Major)

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____ DEGREE: _____

PREVIOUS SBS AWARD(S) RECEIVED: _____

*Note: The SBS Scholarship requires you to enroll full-time for the entire 2020/21 school year.
AWARDS ARE FOR TUITION ONLY.*

All communications, inquiries, and completed applications should be addressed via email to:

ursula.furrer@gmail.com

or via mail:

Swiss Benevolent Society, Education Committee

P.O. BOX 2137, Chicago, IL 60690-2137

Applications must be emailed or postmarked no later than **April 15, 2021**.

Winners will be notified after July 15, 2021. The decisions of the SBS Education Committee are final.

I have read the award regulations and agree to abide by them.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ PLACE AND DATE: _____

ENCLOSED PAPERS: _____

PAPERS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE SBS BY THE SCHOOL(S): _____



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CHECKLIST

FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 2020/21

TO: **SBS Education Committee, administrator: ursula.furrer@gmail.com**
Or via mail - P.O. BOX 2137, Chicago, IL 60690-2137

FROM: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

CHECK PROPER BOX: **Group I High School Senior**
 Group II College Freshman
 Group III College Sophomore or Junior

On the following list, check only the items (✓) which are applicable to you.

- I have enclosed my *Application Form*, **signed and dated**. Due date: April 15, 2021.
- I have enclosed my **Swiss Descent Form** with all necessary, pertinent and numbered documents (photocopies are acceptable). Check here if the Swiss descent information was submitted in the previous year. It is not necessary to resubmit every year.
- I have enclosed the completed *Composition*.
- I have requested that all my High School credentials (transcripts, GPA, Class Rank) be sent directly by the school administration to the SBS. The school must include records through December 31, 2020.
(Group I applicants only.)
- I have requested that my ACT test scores be sent directly by the school administration to the SBS.
(Group I applicants only.)
- I have requested that official college transcripts (including Fall 2020) be sent directly by the college/university I am currently attending or have attended in the past.
(Group II and Group III applicants only.)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Important: Please submit a valid and legible or printed e-mail address. We will let you know via e-mail if anything is missing in your application or if your application is complete.



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ESSAY COMPETITION

The SBS Undergraduate Scholarship Application will once again include an essay that will require research. The essay must be your own work. Please remember: when you consult other sources for information, you **must** cite these sources. Let your reader know where you obtained the information for your essay. Purdue's OWL website provides easy access to citation guidelines: <https://owl.purdue.edu>.

2021/2022— Swiss Immigration to Chicago and the Midwest

In 2022, the Swiss Benevolent Society will celebrate its 150th Anniversary. As the organization plans commemorative activities, the Education Committee would like to highlight the important contributions of individual Swiss immigrants to Chicago and the Midwest in essays that are a central part of the Scholarship Application.

For this year's essay, we offer scholarship applicants the option of investigating either family history or the contribution of a specific Swiss immigrant to Chicago or the Midwest. If you decide to present a family member in your biographical essay, we ask that you interview family members to learn about how and why the family member left Switzerland, what he or she experienced upon arrival, and what aspects of Swiss culture were important as the family member built a life in Chicago or the Midwest.

Alternatively, applicants may decide to present the contribution of a particular Swiss immigrant to Chicago or the Midwest. We ask that you carefully research this person's history to learn the impetus for immigration and the contributions that this person made to local or regional economic, political or social life.

The composition should be about 2 pages long (700-1000 words), double-spaced, font size 12. The committee will evaluate the essays using the following criteria:

- Content: Does the writer provide biographical information that leaves the reader with a good understanding of the challenges of immigration and what the individual accomplished in this new country?
- Focus: Does the writer offer a thesis statement and provide evidence to support her/his argument?
- Clarity and Structure: Is the text well structured, and does it follow the conventions of good writing? Did the writer properly cite sources?

Please write your name and the title of your composition below and use this as a cover sheet for your essay. Do not write your name on the essay itself. We hope you have fun with this assignment and wish you good luck.

Name: _____

Title: _____



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High School and College Credential

The student _____ (Name) is applying for a merit scholarship given out by the Swiss Benevolent Society of Chicago. Since all candidates will be judged on academic achievement, we kindly request that you complete this form and send it via email to the addresses below with an original grade report. The form is due by April 15, 2021.

Please send via Email to administrator: ursula.furrer@gmail.com

If you have questions, contact us at paluch@northwestern.edu. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Name: _____

- CHECK PROPER BOX: Group I High School Senior
 Group II College Freshman
 Group III College Sophomore or Junior

1. **For Group I:**
High School credentials (Transcripts, GPA, Class Rank, ACT or SAT test scores); Records through December 31, 2020
2. **For Group II:**
Official college transcripts including Fall 2020
3. **For Group III:**
Official college transcripts including Fall 2020.

High School: _____

GPA: _____ (Scale from ___ to ___)

Class Rank: _____ of _____ students

ACT Score _____ Date: _____

SAT Score _____ Date: _____

College: _____

GPA: _____ (Scale from ___ to ___)

Please list a person we can contact should we have questions about the student's credentials:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____