



SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Schweizerische Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaft

APPLICATION FOR THE SBS UNDERGRADUATE STUDY-SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 2012/13

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 2012/13 school-year;
- Meet or exceed the following standards of scholastic performance:
 - **High School Seniors** must have a minimum exam score of 26 ACT.
 - **College Freshmen** must have a 3.3 grade point average (GPA on a scale of 4 = A) or better in their first semester/quarter of College and a minimum exam score of 26 ACT.
 - **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 2011.

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 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, 2011, as well as your rank in class.

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 postmarked no later than April 15, 2012.

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.

Franziska Lys, Ph.D.

Chair, Education Committee, January 2012



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FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 2012/13

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 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 2012/13:

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 2012/13 school year.

AWARDS ARE FOR TUITION ONLY.

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

Swiss Benevolent Society, Education Committee

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

education@sbschicago.org

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2012.

Winners will be notified after July 31, 2012. 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 2011/2012

TO: **SBS Education Committee, 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 and Junior

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

1. I have enclosed my *Application Form*, signed and dated. Due date: April 15, 2012.
2. 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 do so again.
3. I have enclosed the completed *Composition*.
4. 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, 2011. (**Group I** applicants only.)
5. I have requested that my ACT test scores be sent directly by the school administration to the SBS. (**Group I** and **Group II** applicants only.)
6. I have requested that official college transcripts (including Fall 2011) 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 e-mail address. We will let you know via e-mail if anything is missing in your application or if your application is complete.



ESSAY COMPETITION

As part of the application, we would like you to write a composition. Your essay must be on the topic below and should be carefully researched. The essay must be your own work. Please remember: if you consult other sources for information (especially the Internet), you **must** list these sources. Do not lift whole sections from the Internet but compose and write the text yourself.

Topic: The Language Situation in Switzerland

Research and explain the language situation in Switzerland. What are the official languages? Where are they spoken? How do they differ from the languages spoken in the neighboring countries? Are there any other significant language groups represented in Switzerland? You may use the Internet for your basic research but you must quote your sources and cite them appropriately. Your composition should be about 1-2 pages long, double-spaced, font size 12. It can include illustrations.

The committee will judge the following categories in your essay:

- Clarity of writing, spelling, grammar, and style
- Originality: is it the work of the student or simply copied from another source?
- Content: is the description well researched and interesting?
- Creativity: is the report visually appealing and creative?

Please write your name and the title of your composition below. Then attach your composition to this sheet without your name listed. We hope you have fun with this assignment and wish you good luck.

Name: _____

Title: _____

1. Reviewer

Please circle	low	high
Clarity of writing	1	2	3 4 5
Spelling and grammar	1	2	3 4 5
Content	1	2	3 4 5
Creativity	1	2	3 4 5
Total Points:	_____		

2. Reviewer

Please circle	low	high
Clarity of writing	1	2	3 4 5
Spelling and grammar	1	2	3 4 5
Content	1	2	3 4 5
Creativity	1	2	3 4 5
Total Points:	_____		

Average of both reviewers: _____ points + _____ points : 8 = _____ points



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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 to the address below with an original grade report. The form is due by April 15, 2012.

SBS Education Committee, P.O. BOX 2137, Chicago, IL 60690-2137

If you have questions, please contact us at education@sbschicago.org, Many thanks for your assistance.

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Student Name: _____

Check proper box: **Group I** **High School Senior**
 Group II **College Freshman**
 Group III **College Sophomore and Junior**

1. **For Group I:**
 High School credentials (Transcripts, GPA, Class Rank, ACT or SAT test scores); Records through December 31, 2011
2. **For Group II:**
 Official college transcripts of fall 2011 and ACT test scores
3. **For Group III:**
 Official college transcripts including fall 2011.

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:** _____