



**Yes! I wish to become a member.**

- ☐ New      Membership Year \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Renew      + \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Unless you instruct us otherwise, the date of your check determines the membership year.

### Contact Information

+ Name \_\_\_\_\_

+ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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+ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

+ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Contribution

**All member contributions go 100% to scholarships!**

☐ \$30   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$500   ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Please contact me about the following:

- ☐ I know a Swiss in need.  
☐ I know people who might be interested in joining SBS.  
☐ Scholarships  
☐ Gifts  
☐ Estate planning (wills, trusts, remainder annuity)  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact: [president@sbssf.org](mailto:president@sbssf.org)**

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## Our Sources of Funding

The Society finances charitable activities from membership contribution, corporate donations, investment income, gifts, bequests, endowments, and inheritances.

We can set up scholarships in the name of an individual or corporation, either one-time or in perpetuity. We administer scholarships in accordance with sponsors' wishes.

### How to Support the SBS

- + Become a member.
- + Make a cash donation of any amount.
- + Name the SBS as a beneficiary in your will.
- + Give appreciated stocks or bonds.
- + Establish a charitable remainder annuity.

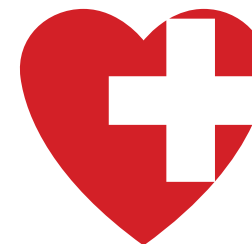
All of the above gifts may offer tax advantages to you and/or your heirs. The above items are guidelines and should not be considered legal advice. **Please contact your tax or estate planning professional before proceeding.**

### Membership

A nominal annual contribution, determined by the Board of Directors, entitles you to vote at the annual membership meeting. **We appreciate the generosity of those members and friends of the Society who make larger donations.**

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Investing in our  
Youth's Education

+  
Giving Comfort and  
Support to the Elderly

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Our ancestors founded the Swiss Benevolent Society (SBS) in 1886 to assist those Swiss immigrants who fell on hard times.

We were incorporated in California in 1901 as The Swiss Relief Society, and assumed our present name in 1976.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. An all-volunteer Board of Directors, elected by the members, manages the affairs of the Society.

### Our Mission

**We support deserving, poor, ill or elderly individuals of Swiss descent.**

**We help younger generation Swiss pay for higher education expenses through our scholarship program.**

### Welfare

Members, friends, local Swiss organizations, and the Consulate General refer needy individuals to us in strict confidence. We provide one-time or ongoing financial assistance.

Through our volunteers we also help with paying bills, shopping, filing taxes, providing advice and counseling, transportation, and companionship.

**Contact: [assistance@sbssf.org](mailto:assistance@sbssf.org)**

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Since 1976, the Swiss Benevolent Society has helped qualified applicants obtain higher education at accredited universities and colleges in the United States.

Students may apply every year while enrolled full-time.

The number of scholarships and the amount of each scholarship varies based on the budget available and the number of qualified candidates.

### Need and Merit

Undergraduate college through postgraduate students

- + SBS General Fund Scholarships
- + Silvia and Jacques Iselin Scholarships
- + Willy Isler Scholarship
- + Walter Munz Scholarships

### Merit Only

For juniors and seniors in college and graduate students

- + Clement and Frieda Amstutz Scholarship
- + Silvio Canonica Scholarship
- + Walter Munz Merit Scholarship

### Walter Munz Culinary School Scholarship

**Contact: [scholarships@sbssf.org](mailto:scholarships@sbssf.org)**

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Application forms and guidelines should be downloaded from our website at [sbssf.org](http://sbssf.org).

### Criteria

- + Applicant or one parent must be a Swiss citizen.
- + Student must have resided in Northern California (see our website for a county list) for the three years preceding the date of the initial application.
- + Student must meet minimum GPA requirements:
  - 3.2 in the last two years of high school.
  - 3.0 the first year of college and 3.2 thereafter.
- + The Merit Only scholarships require a 3.5 GPA for the preceding two years in college.
- + Student must be taking either 12 undergraduate or 9 graduate units per term (i.e. must be a full-time student).
- + Specialized criteria may apply for the Walter Munz Culinary Scholarship. Please consult our website for current requirements.

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