



Swiss Benevolent Society of San Francisco Scholarship Application Guidelines

We are pleased to send you a complete scholarship packet. The application consists of two pages of instructions and four pages of application. The application forms may also be downloaded from our webpage (SBSSF.com), but they **cannot** be submitted through the web or email. They need to be filled out completely and neatly and mailed to the address above.

The following Scholarships are available to qualified applicants:

- The **Swiss Benevolent Society General Scholarship**, the **Silvia Wieland Iselin Scholarship** and the **Willy Isler Scholarship** are based on **need and merit** and are available to deserving students entering college through postgraduate studies. Students must demonstrate financial need, be worthy, show aptitude for their chosen field of study and a minimum G.P.A. of 3.2 for the last two years in high school, 3.0 for the first year in college and 3.2 thereafter.
- The **Clement & Frieda Amstutz Scholarship** and the **Silvio Canonica Scholarship** are based on **merit only**. Students must have completed at least two years of college with a minimum of 3.5 for the last two years. The awards will be granted based on the criteria of outstanding prior academic achievement, promise of future academic excellence, and anticipated successful completion of studies.

To be eligible, **APPLICANTS** must:

- A. be of Swiss descent by demonstrating that applicant or at least one parent is a Swiss national, registered with the Swiss Consulate of San Francisco (or carrying a valid Swiss Passport).
- B. have resided in Northern California for a minimum of three years preceding the date of initial application.
- C. have applied for admission to any institution of higher learning in the United States offering a baccalaureate degree. (In exceptional cases, students attending a community college or an accredited vocational school in California may be considered).
- D. be full time students: (12 undergraduate or 9 graduate units per term).

ALL STUDENTS need to fill out the application **completely and include the following documents:**

1. Proof of your or one parent's Swiss nationality.
2. Official transcripts of high school, undergraduate or graduate studies.
3. Copies of SAT or ACT test scores, when applying for the first time. (Optional for students in graduate school).
4. Submit an essay outlining specific goals after completion of studies.

Please see Page 2 for additional requirements!

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

SBS General, Silvia Wieland Iselin, & Willy Isler Scholarships:

5. Copy of applicant's and/or supporting party's most recent completed and signed Federal Income Tax returns (including W-2 forms).
6. One letter of recommendation preferably from one of applicant's current high school teachers or counselors, or from one of the current professors.

Clement & Frieda Amstutz and Silvio Canonica Scholarships:

5. Two letters of recommendation from professors (sponsors) who are familiar with applicant's background and have themselves expertise in his/her specialty area of study.

All communications should be addressed to the Swiss Benevolent Society of San Francisco
456 Montgomery Street, #1500
San Francisco, CA 94104-1233

Application Deadline:

The application and all supporting documents must be postmarked **no later than April 30th**.
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

All applications and supporting documents will be held confidential and will not be returned.

Scholarships do not renew automatically, but students may apply each year for the General Scholarship and the Silvia Wieland Iselin Scholarship. The Clement & Frieda Amstutz, Silvio Canonica and Willy Isler Scholarships are generally given one time each per student. In exceptional cases, a second award might be given.

All applicants will be notified by the end of June. Grants will be issued directly to the recipient at the beginning of the fall semester upon confirmation of registration.

The decisions, made by the Swiss Benevolent Society Board of Directors, are final and may not be appealed nor discussed.

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO
The Scholarship Committee

Attachment:
Scholarship Application (4 pages)