

Swiss Benevolent Society of New York

# Scholarship Application

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## Application Fee

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We charge an application fee of **\$75.00**.

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## Scholarship Programs

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In conjunction with the Swiss Benevolent Society of Philadelphia, the Swiss Benevolent Society of New York offers the following scholarship programs for Swiss-American students residing in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

**1. Full Pellegrini Scholarship (financial need and merit) Page 2**

The Pellegrini Scholarship is a partial tuition grant, awarded at the post-secondary school level for vocational or undergraduate and graduate academic studies at an accredited school. The scholarship is **based on financial need and merit** (Grade Point Average 3.0 min.).

**2. Pellegrini Scholarship (merit only) Page 3**

The Merit Based Pellegrini Scholarship is a partial tuition grant, awarded at the post-secondary school level for vocational or undergraduate and graduate academic studies at an accredited school (not available to freshmen). This Scholarship is **based on merit alone** (Grade Point Average 3.0 min.)

**3. Sonja S. Maguire Outstanding Scholastic Achievement (OSA) Award Page 4**

This one-time award may be granted to a college senior or graduate student who demonstrates continuous academic excellence (cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.8) in a demanding study program.

**4. Zimmermann Scholarship Page 5**

This one-time grant may be awarded to a graduate student demonstrating exceptional skills combined with the highest cumulative Grade Point Average (3.8 min.) of all entries.

U.S. Residents wishing to study in Switzerland, the Swiss Benevolent Society of New York offers the following program:

**5. Medicus Student Exchange Scholarship (for studies in Switzerland) Page 6**

The Medicus Student Exchange Scholarship program provides partial financial support for U.S. Residents at the junior, senior or graduate college level who have been accepted to study at a Swiss University or Federal Institute of Technology.

**Medicus Student Exchange Scholarship (for studies in the U.S.)**

Swiss residents wishing to study in the U.S. may apply for this grant through 'swissuniversities' in Switzerland ([www.swissuniversities.ch/de/services/stipendien-ausland/grants-for-the-usa](http://www.swissuniversities.ch/de/services/stipendien-ausland/grants-for-the-usa))

## 1. Full Pellegrini Scholarship (financial need and merit)

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The Full Pellegrini Scholarship is a partial tuition grant, awarded at the post-secondary school level for vocational or undergraduate and graduate academic studies at an accredited school.

- The scholarship is **based on financial need and merit** (Grade Point Average 3.0 min.).
- The award must not exceed 25% of cost of tuition.
- Pellegrini Scholarships do not renew automatically. They are considered anew on a yearly basis. Students may apply for this grant every academic year, while pursuing their post-secondary and graduate studies.
- The scholarship is paid directly to the recipients' schools in two installments, one at the beginning of the academic year, the fall semester, the other at the start of the spring semester.
- The award for freshmen students is \$500.00.

### Eligibility requirements:

- You are a U.S. Resident.
- You or one of your parents is a Swiss national.
- You are permanently domiciled in either New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Delaware.
- You are in good academic standing (min GPA 3.0) and show aptitude in your chosen fields of study.
- You will study full-time (min. 12 credits) in college or graduate school.
- For the Full Pellegrini Scholarship you must demonstrate the need for financial support.

### Required Supporting Documents:

- Enclosed Scholarship Application Form (completed & signed).
- **Official Transcripts** of all high school, college and graduate grades (no copies).
- SAT / ACT or GRE / GMAT results & proof thereof.
- Proof of Swiss citizenship of applicant or one parent (Copy of Swiss passport, Consulate recognition letter or similar).
- Proof of applicant's U.S. citizenship or U.S. residency.
- Applicants claiming '**independent**' status (see Application Form, page 1) are to submit the requested financial information (see Application Form, pages 5&6).
- Applicants claiming '**dependent**' status are to submit complete financial information of their parents (see Application Form, pages 5&6).
- Signed copy of all pages and scheduled of Federal Income Tax returns, and W2 forms of applicant and supporting party and/or spouse, where applicable.
- Proof of cost for tuition and room and board (copy of bursar's bill; high school applicants to provide figures of anticipated cost).
- **One current letter of reference** from high school principal or guidance counselor, or from a professor in the applicant's major area of study, **on official letterhead** (no copies).

## 2. Merit based Pellegrini Scholarship:

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The Merit based Pellegrini Scholarship is a partial tuition grant, awarded at the post-secondary school level for vocational or undergraduate and graduate academic studies at an accredited school. This grant is not available to freshmen.

- This scholarship is **based on merit alone** (Grade Point Average 3.0 min.). Like the Full Pellegrini Scholarship, it does not renew automatically. Applicants are considered anew on a yearly basis. Students may apply for this grant every academic year, while pursuing their post-secondary and graduate studies.
- The scholarship is paid directly to the recipients' schools in two installments, one at the beginning of the academic year, the fall semester, the other at the start of the spring semester.

### Eligibility requirements:

- You are a U.S. Resident.
- You or one of your parents is a Swiss national.
- You are permanently domiciled in either New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Delaware.
- You are in good academic standing (min GPA 3.0) and show aptitude in your chosen fields of study.
- You will study full-time (min. 12 credits) in college or graduate school.

### Required Supporting Documents:

- Enclosed Scholarship Application Form (completed & signed).
- **Official Transcripts** of all high school, college and graduate grades (no copies).
- SAT / ACT or GRE / GMAT results and proof thereof.
- Proof of Swiss citizenship of applicant or one parent (Copy of Swiss passport, Consulate recognition letter or similar).
- Proof of applicant's U.S. citizenship or U.S. residency.
- Proof of cost for tuition and room and board (copy of bursar's bill; high school applicants to provide figures of anticipated cost).
- **One current letter of reference** from high school principal or guidance counselor, or from a professor in the applicant's major area of study, **on official letterhead** (no copies).

### 3. Sonia S. Maguire Outstanding Scholastic Achievement (OSA) Award:

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This award may be granted to a college senior or graduate student who demonstrates sustained academic excellence (cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.8) in a demanding study program.

This is a nonrenewable, one-time only scholarship award.

The amount is paid in two installments to the recipient's school; at the start of the academic year, the fall semester, the other at the start of the spring semester

#### Eligibility requirements:

- You are a U.S. Resident.
- You or one of your parents is a Swiss national.
- You are permanently domiciled in either New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Delaware.
- You are in excellent academic standing (min. GPA 3.8) and show aptitude in your chosen fields of study.
- You will study full-time (min. 12 credits) as a senior in college or at graduate school.

#### Required Supporting Documents:

- Enclosed Scholarship Application Form (completed & signed).
- **Official Transcripts** of all high school, college and graduate grades (no copies).
- SAT / ACT or GRE / GMAT results and proof thereof.
- Proof of Swiss citizenship of applicant or one parent (Copy of Swiss passport, Consulate recognition letter or similar).
- Proof of applicant's U.S. citizenship or U.S. residency.
- **Two academic recommendations** from professors in the applicant's major area of study, **on official letterhead** (no copies).

## 4. Zimmermann Scholarship

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The Zimmermann Scholarship may be awarded to the graduate students with the highest cumulative Grade Point Average (3.8 min.).

This is a nonrenewable, one-time only scholarship award.

The award is paid directly in two installments to the school at the beginning of the academic year, the fall semester, the other at the start of the spring semester fall and spring semesters.

### Eligibility requirements:

- You are a U.S. Resident.
- You or one of your parents is a Swiss national.
- You are permanently domiciled in either New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Delaware.
- You are in excellent academic standing (min GPA 3.8) and show aptitude in your chosen fields of study.
- You will study full-time (min. 12 credits) at graduate school.

### Required Supporting Documents:

- Enclosed Scholarship Application Form (completed & signed).
- **Official Transcripts** of all high school, college and graduate grades (no copies).
- SAT / ACT or GRE / GMAT results and proof thereof.
- Proof of Swiss citizenship of applicant or one parent (Copy of Swiss passport, Consulate recognition letter or similar).
- Proof of applicant's U.S. citizenship or U.S. residency.
- **Two academic recommendations** from professors in the applicant's major area of study, **on official letterhead** (no copies).

## 5. Medicus Student Exchange Scholarship

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The Medicus Student Exchange Scholarship program provides partial financial support for U.S. Residents at the junior, senior or graduate college level who have been accepted to study at a Swiss University or Federal Institute of Technology. The full amount of the grant is paid directly to the recipient's school upon proof of registration.

This is a nonrenewable, one-time only scholarship award.

### Eligibility requirements:

6. You are a U.S. Resident.
7. You are permanently domiciled in the U.S.
8. You have been accepted to a Swiss University or to a Federal Institute of Technology.
9. You will study full-time at undergraduate (college junior or senior) or graduate school level.

### Required Supporting Documents:

#### For studies in Switzerland:

- Enclosed Scholarship Application Form (completed & signed).
- **Official Transcripts** of all high school, college and graduate grades (no copies).
- SAT / ACT or GRE / GMAT results.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or U.S. residency.
- Letter of acceptance from Swiss University, Federal Institute of Technology or Technical College (Fachhochschule).
- **Two academic recommendations** from professors in the applicant's major area of study, on official letterhead (no copies).
- Proof of proficiency in the language of instruction.
- Statement of sufficient total funding (Application Form page 5).

Swiss students who wish to study in the United States may apply for this grant by contacting '**swissuniversities**', **Sennweg 2, 3012 Bern Switzerland** or ([www.swissuniversities.ch/de/services/stipendien-ausland/grants-for-the-usa](http://www.swissuniversities.ch/de/services/stipendien-ausland/grants-for-the-usa))

## General Information for all Applicants

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Completed application forms and supporting documents must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee **by March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision by the end of June in writing. Incomplete or late (postmarked after March 31<sup>st</sup>) applications will not be considered.

Please send your complete application package (signed application form and other required supporting documents to:

The Swiss Benevolent Society  
Scholarship Committee  
500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1800  
New York, NY 10110

### **AND**

Send a **copy of your application form only** (not supporting documents) via email to [scholarships@sbsny.org](mailto:scholarships@sbsny.org)

Please note that if we have received your application form by postal mail in time (postmarked latest March, 31<sup>st</sup>), you can send in the supporting documents until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Note to Applicants:**

- The SBS does not communicate with parents.
- The SBS does not confirm receipt of applications to students. We recommend using a traceable means of shipping, such as certified mail, to ensure safe and verifiable delivery.
- Telephone inquiries cannot be answered; you must submit any questions in writing. You may use regular mail or email us at [scholarships@sbsny.org](mailto:scholarships@sbsny.org)
- To be eligible for consideration, the forms must be filled out completely and legibly.
- All information contained in the application and supporting documentation will be held in the strictest confidence. The information you provide is distributed only to the members of the Scholarship Committee.
- No applications and other documents will be returned.
- Please make sure that all documents are complete, legible and properly signed.
- Decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final and cannot be appealed or discussed.

### **What if I need more space?**

If for any reason any field is not large enough for your information, then please complete that field on a separate sheet, making notes and references where necessary.