The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is pleased to announce the 2015-2016 competition for the Vekich Scholarship, an undergraduate award for students of South Slavic Languages, named in honor of U. of Illinois alumna Anne M. Vekich.

Up to five Vekich Scholars will be named. The scholarship will cover the cost of Bosnia/Croatian/ Serbian (SCR 101-102, 201-202, or 301-302) language course texts and materials for the following academic year. In addition Vekich Scholars will be eligible to apply for fellowship support toward a summer language program to continue their studies in the U.S. or Bosnia, Croatia, or Serbia in the summer of 2016.

Submissions to the Vekich Scholarship competition are now being accepted.

Competition Guidelines: Submit a 3-5 page (double-spaced) essay that addresses an aspect of Bosnian, Croatian, or Serbian history or culture that you consider to be of significant interest to our contemporary world. Please include a cover sheet that lists your contact information (name, campus and home address, and email address), and email your essay to Professor Michael Finke, Department Head, Slavic Languages & Literatures: mcfinke@illinois.edu. The submission deadline is May 1, 2015.