The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

is pleased to announce the inauguration of

**The Vekich Scholarship,**

an award for students of South Slavic Languages, named in honor of U. of Illinois alumna and donor Anne M. Vekich.

Up to five Vekich Scholars will be named annually from among current UIUC students in the spring, following a simple essay competition. (Up to five more awards will be made to incoming students summer 2012.) The scholarship will provide language-course materials for Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (SCR 101-102, 201-202, or 301-302) the following academic year. In addition Vekich Scholars will be eligible to apply for fellowship support (up to two awards, $500 each) toward subsequent summer language study in the U.S., Bosnia, Croatia, or Serbia.

Submissions to the Vekich Scholarship competition are now being accepted for the 2012-13 academic year.

*Competition Guidelines: Submit a 2-3 page (double-spaced) essay that addresses an aspect of Bosnian, Croatian, or Serbian culture that you consider to be of significant interest to our contemporary world. Include a cover sheet that lists: 1) your contact info. (name, campus and home address, and email address); 2) current program of study; 3) any SCR courses already taken at Illinois, and a statement regarding intentions for Fall 2012; 4) name and contact info. for one academic reference. E-mail your materials (and questions) to: Professor Michael Finke, Slavic Languages & Literatures: mcfinke@illinois.edu.*

*The submission deadline is April 6, 2012; awards announced by April 23, 2012.*