

**VASA ORDER OF AMERICA
DISTRICT LODGE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST #15
Scholarship Application Guidelines**

Eligibility Requirements--All Applicants

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of a Local Lodge within District #15 for at least one year prior to the opening of the 2010 District Convention. (For the Andrew Wendell award applicant must be a member, a child, or a grandchild of a member in good standing.)

2. A completed, neatly hand written or typed application must be submitted.

3. The application along with the items listed below for each award must be hand delivered or sent in the mail (by registered or certified mail for your protection) and postmarked no later than December 1, 2009.

Note: Some specific requirements for the individual scholarships are listed on the page that describes each award.

ANDREW WENDELL SCHOLARSHIP (Sjölunden Language Camp)

1. A letter from your Local Lodge Secretary containing the Local Lodge Seal and verifying Vasa membership for at least one year prior to the opening of the 2010 District Convention of either the applicant, parent/guardian, or grand parent.

2. A letter of recommendation from a current teacher, counselor, or principal. The letter should establish the applicant's classroom/campus attitude, study habits, and ability to adapt to camp environment.

3. A listing of the applicant's Vasa activities, school activities, community involvement, and work experience (if applicable).

4. An original, typed and double spaced essay of 250-500 words on the subject

How the Sjölunden Language Camp can benefit my Nordic Heritage"

After the camp, scholarship winners are requested to send in an account of their time at Sjölunden to District #15.

Within six weeks of receiving a scholarship, applicant must provide evidence of health and accident insurance absolving District Pacific Southwest NO 15 of any liability during the camp and travel to and from the camp.

ELLEN BERGSTONE SCHOLARSHIP (Elderhostel)

A letter from your Local Lodge Secretary containing the Local Lodge Seal and verifying Vasa membership for at least one year prior to the opening of the 2010 District Convention and describing applicant's lodge involvement.

RAYMOND SANDBERG and CARL G. LINDQUIST SCHOLARSHIPS

1 A letter from your Local Lodge Secretary containing the Local Lodge Seal and verifying Vasa membership for at least one year prior to the opening of the 2010 District Convention and describing applicant's lodge involvement.

2. A copy of the applicant's most recent transcripts.

3. *Two* personal letters of reference noting specifically the applicant's scholastic ability, community involvement, and potential. The letters must be mailed directly to the Scholarship Chairman.

4. An essay on one of the following topics: (Please include the title of the topic as listed below)

1. *The role youth can and should play in Vasa.*

2. *My vision of the future of Vasa.*

3. *What Vasa means to me.*

The essay should be at least 500 words in length and demonstrate scholastic ability.

Scholarship winners will be notified by January 31, 2010. All other scholarship applicants will receive notification of their status no later than February 15, 2010.

Still have questions? Email the Scholarship Chairman Siv Swan-Pierson at DL15scholarships@verizon.net.