

**VASA ORDER OF AMERICA
DISTRICT LODGE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST #15
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2012**

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

For details about the different scholarships please see *Scholarship Offerings*.

Keep these pages and use as a checklist during the application process!

IMPORTANT: Get started on filling out the application form, gathering the supporting documents and writing the essay in good time before the application deadline. The whole process may take longer than planned.

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – ALL APPLICANTS

- 1. Be a member in good standing of a Local Lodge within District 15 for at least one year prior to the opening of the 2012 District Convention. (*For the Andrew Wendell award only:* The applicant must be a member, or a child or grandchild of a local lodge member in good standing.)
- 2. Submit a completed, neatly written application along with all required documents, which must be hand delivered or mailed to the Scholarship Chairman (by registered or certified mail for the applicant's protection) and postmarked no later than **December 15, 2012**.
- 3. Submit a letter from the applicant's Local Lodge Secretary, stamped with the Local Lodge Seal verifying applicant's lodge membership. (*For the Andrew Wendell award only:* The verification applies to the applicants' parent/guardian or grandparent, if the applicant is not yet a member of the lodge.) The letter must also describe the applicants' involvement in lodge activities. The secretary shall enclose the letter in a sealed envelope before giving it to the applicant or mail it directly to the Scholarship Chairman.
- 4. Submit a page describing the applicant's lodge involvement (offices held, meeting attendance, etc.)

II. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

ANDREW WENDELL SCHOLARSHIP (Sjölunden Language Camp)

- 1. Submit one letter of recommendation from a current teacher, counselor, or principal. The form letter from the Scholarship Chairman may be used when asking for a reference (establishing the applicant's classroom/campus attitude, study habits, and ability to adapt to camp environment.)
- 2 Submit an original, typed and double spaced essay of 250-500 words on the subject
How the Sjölunden Language Camp can benefit my Nordic Heritage
- 3. If applicant wins an award:
 - a) Within *six weeks* of receiving the award provide evidence of health and accident insurance absolving the District Lodge of any liability during the camp and while traveling to and from the camp
 - b) Within *three months* of concluding the camp mail an account of the Sjölunden experience to the Scholarship Chairman. Pictures and drawings are also welcome.

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ELLEN BERGSTONE SCHOLARSHIP (Elderhostel)

- Submit a brief description of the kind of course(s) in which you would like to participate and what you may want to do with your new knowledge or skill.
- If applicant wins an award: *Within three months* of concluding the chosen program mail an account of their participation to the Scholarship Chairman. Pictures and drawings are also welcome.

RAYMOND SANDBERG, CARL G. LINDQUIST and RAYMOND JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Submit a copy of applicant's most recent transcripts. The transcripts may be included with the application in a *sealed school envelope* or mailed directly to the Scholarship Chairman by the school.
2. Submit two personal letters of reference specifically denoting the applicant's scholastic ability, community involvement, and potential. The letters may be included with the application in *sealed school envelopes* or mailed directly to the Scholarship Chairman by the reference providers.
3. Submit an essay on one of the following topics (please include the title of the topic):
1. *The role youth can and should play in Vasa*
 2. *My vision of the future of Vasa*
 3. *What Vasa means to me*

Award winners will be notified by February 3, 2012. All other scholarship applicants will receive notification of their status no later than February 10, 2012.

The completed application and all required documents must be postmarked by December 15, 2011.

Mail to:

Siv Swan-Pierson, Scholarship Chairman
56808 Kismet Rd.
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
760-365-4886 (after September 22, 2011)
DL15Scholarships@verizon.net

If you are uncertain about the application process or have other questions regarding the scholarships, please feel free to contact the Scholarship Chairman by email, phone, or mail.

GOOD LUCK!