

**VASA ORDER OF AMERICA**  
**DISTRICT LODGE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST NO. 15**

**SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS 2023**

**1. ANDREW WENDELL SCHOLARSHIP: SJÖLUNDEN LANGUAGE CAMP**

*(Award: Camp Tuition and up to \$800 reimbursable travel expenses)*

A two-week stay at the Swedish Sjölundan camp in Bemidji, Minnesota. Awarded to members children or grandchildren between ages 14 and 18 years at the start of the camp. Sjölundan camps are usually held in July or August. They offer unique opportunities to explore Swedish traditions and culture through food, songs, sports, crafts and total language immersion. For information about Sjölundan, please visit [www.concordialanguagevillages.org/newsite/Programs/Youth/Summer\\_villages/swedish.php](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/newsite/Programs/Youth/Summer_villages/swedish.php)

**2. BERTHA KALM SCHOLARSHIP: SWEDISH ISLAND LANGUAGE CAMP**

*(Award: Camp tuition and up to \$1,500 reimbursable travel expenses)*

A nearly three-week stay at the Swedish Billströmska folkhögskola on the island of Tjörn, approximately 60 km north of Göteborg (Gothenburg), Sweden. Awarded to members, members children or grandchildren of the minimum age of 18 at the start of the camp. This Swedish Language Camp, facilitated by Riksföreningen Sverigekontakt (National Organization Swedencontact), is usually held at the end of July – mid-August. It is a full board program, offering about 100 rooms for participants from Europe and other parts of the world. There are excursions, evening activities and the opportunity for host family visits. Some knowledge of the Swedish language is required, and participants will be divided into groups of 10-15 based on linguistic levels. This is a new opportunity for a full language-immersion program. For information about the program, please visit <http://www.sverigekontakt.se/wp/information-sommarkurs/>.

**3. ELLEN BERGSTONE SCHOLARSHIP: for ELDERHOSTEL & CULTURAL PROGRAMS**

*(Award: up to \$1,500)*

An award given to members 55 years and older, who did not receive an award in the previous year. The scholarship must be used up within two years from when it was given. It may be utilized for a Nordic related cultural program; e.g., the adult Sjölundan camp in Bemidji, Minnesota (usually offered in October) through Elderhostel, or a different Elderhostel program, or a separate program in the U.S., Sweden, or any other Nordic country. Get ideas and information at [www.concordialanguagevillages.org](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org) (800-450-2214), or [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org) (877-426-8056). Any costs over and above the scholarship amount are the responsibility of the award recipients.

**4. RAYMOND SANDBERG/SVEA KARLSSON SCHOLARSHIP: for UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

*(Award: at least \$1,000 and up to \$3,000)*

An award available to students who plan to enter or are already enrolled in undergraduate studies at an accredited institution of higher learning, and who did not receive an award in the previous year.

**5. RAYMOND SANDBERG/BERTHA KALM SCHOLARSHIP: for GRADUATE STUDIES**

*(Award: at least \$2,500 and up to \$4,000)*

This award is given to a student who plans to enter or is already enrolled in graduate studies at an accredited institution of higher learning, and who did not receive an award the previous year.

**6. RAYMOND JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP: for MEDICAL STUDIES:**

*(Award: actual dividend income, range between \$2,000 to \$6,000)*

This scholarship is provided for up to four years if the recipient is enrolled at an accredited institution within the medical field and who plans to study to become a medical doctor, chiropractor, physical therapist, nurse, medical technician, paramedic, etc. **Currently, this scholarship is fully subscribed.** However, should a recipient discontinue their studies, an award may be available.

**7. CARL G. LINDQUIST SCHOLARSHIP: for VOCATIONAL STUDIES**

*(Award: at least \$1,000 and up to \$2,000)*

This award given to a student who plans to enter or is already enrolled full- or part time at an accredited vocational, technical, or trade institution. Award recipient may receive this award no more than two times.

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Application material may be downloaded from the District 15 website [www.vasaDL15.org](http://www.vasaDL15.org), requested from the applicant's Local Lodge Secretary, or the Scholarship Chair Kin Lindgren at [scholarships@vasaDL15.org](mailto:scholarships@vasaDL15.org)

Note regarding Payments: most awards / payments are made to the academic institution, but in some cases as a reimbursement upon submission of receipt for program costs to the District Secretary. Awarded scholarships must be claimed within one year of date of award, with the exception of the Elderhostel & Cultural Program.

**Deadline Application Due Date: December 31, 2022**