

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

REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2024

For Graduate, Undergraduate, and Vocational studies

For the different kinds of scholarship offered, amounts, etc. please see the *Scholarship Offerings* page

IMPORTANT! STUDY THESE REQUIREMENTS THOROUGHLY, KEEP THE PAGES AND USE THEM AS A CHECKLIST!
It is to your advantage to get started as early as possible on filling out the application form, gathering the required documents, and writing your essay. The whole process may take longer than you think!

The applicant must:

1. Be a member in good standing of a Local Lodge within District 15 since January 1, 2023.
2. Submit a completed, neatly written application along with all the required documents, before the due date to the Scholarship Committee Chair. The due date for documents is December 31, 2023.
3. Submit a separate page describing the applicant's lodge involvement, such as offices held, meeting attendance, participation in lodge activities, etc.
4. Provide a letter from the applicant's Local Lodge Secretary, stamped with the Local Lodge Seal, verifying the applicant's lodge membership and confirming their good standing in the lodge. The letter shall also describe the applicant's past and present involvement in lodge activities. The Secretary shall enclose the letter in a sealed envelope before giving it to the applicant or mail/e-mail it directly to the Scholarship Committee Chair on or before the application deadline.
5. Provide a copy of applicant's most recent school transcripts. The transcripts may be included with the application in a *sealed* school envelope or mailed /e-mailed by the school *directly* to the Scholarship Chair on or before the application deadline.
6. Provide two 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 /e-mailed by the reference providers *directly* to the Scholarship Chair on or before the application deadline. If the applicant has substantial work experience, one letter may be from a current or recent employer.
7. Submit a 2-3 page essay (double spaced) on one of the following topics (please include the title):
 1. *The role youth can and should play in Vasa*
 2. *My vision of the future of Vasa*
 3. *What Vasa means to me*

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Award winners will be notified by February 1, 2024. All other scholarship applicants will receive a notification no later than February 11, 2024.

Please note that applications from more than one member of the same family are accepted, but only one scholarship will be awarded if there are other qualified applicants for the same scholarship. Also, one person may only apply to one type of scholarship in one year.

Applicants who submit only one reference where two are required may receive lower scores on their application.

Awarded scholarships must be claimed within one year of date of award.

For details on payment of awards, please see the *Scholarship Offerings* page.

NOTE: Please request the letter from your Lodge Secretary, your two educational reference letters, and your transcripts in good time before the application due date.

(Hint: Request references and transcripts before the holidays!)

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS,

electronically no later than DECEMBER 31, 2023

to scholarships@vasaDL15.org

OR

Mail a week earlier to: *Jennifer Weisbart-Moreno, 1723 Lomas Privadas Dr, San Bernardino, CA 92404*

so all required documents are received by December 31, 2023.

Questions? Please text or call Scholarship Committee Chair Jennifer Weisbart-Moreno at 206-931-6653.

GOOD LUCK!