

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

REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELDERHOSTEL SCHOLARSHIP 2024

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. Have turned 55 years of age by March 1, 2024.
3. 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.
4. Submit a separate page describing the applicant's lodge involvement, such as offices held, meeting attendance, participation in lodge activities, etc.
5. 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.
6. Submit a brief description of the kind of Nordic related cultural program(s) in which you would like to participate and include for what purpose(s) you may want to acquire the new knowledge or skills offered in the program(s) attended.

If applicant wins an award, he or she is required to:

- Within three months of concluding the program(s), mail a written report of your participation to the Scholarship Chair. Photographs and drawings are also welcome.

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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.

Awarded scholarships must be claimed within two years of date of award.

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

Application deadline: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that not only their completed application but also all supplementary documents are submitted by the **deadline, December 31, 2023**.

NOTE: Please request the letter from your Lodge Secretary letter in good time before the application due date.
(Hint: Request references 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.