

VASA ORDER OF AMERICA
DISTRICT LODGE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST NO. 15

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS 2025

Application Due Date for All Scholarships: December 31, 2024

1. SJÖLUNDEN LANGUAGE CAMP: ANDREW WENDELL SCHOLARSHIP

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

This award is for a two-week stay at the Swedish Sjölund camp in Bemidji, Minnesota. It is awarded to member's children or grandchildren who will be between ages 14 and 18 years at the start of the camp. Sjölund two-week 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 more information about the program, please visit <https://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/languages/swedish>

2. UPPSALA SWEDISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM: BERTHA KALM SCHOLARSHIP

(Award: Up to \$3500 for program tuition and travel expenses)

This award is for a two or three week stay at the Uppsala International Summer Session in Uppsala, Sweden. It is awarded to members who will be at least 18 years or older at the start of the program. It is usually held in June or July. Learn Swedish language at the appropriate level. Also learn through cultural courses, social activities, and excursions. The program includes housing in single rooms with private bathroom, lunch on class days, and a few special dinners. For information about the program, please visit <https://uiss.org/>

3. ELDERHOSTEL & CULTURAL PROGRAMS: ELLEN BERGSTONE SCHOLARSHIP

(Award: up to \$1,500)

This award is given to members 55 years or older, who did not receive an award in the previous year. The scholarship must be used within two years from when it is given. It may be utilized for a Nordic related cultural program; e.g., the adult Sjölund 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 (800-450-2214), or www.elderhostel.org (877-426-8056). Any costs over and above the scholarship amount are the responsibility of the award recipients.

4. UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES RAYMOND SANDBERG & SVEA KARLSSON SCHOLARSHIP

(Award: \$500 - \$3,000)

This award is available to students who plan to enter or are already enrolled in undergraduate studies at an accredited institution of higher learning. Special funds have been earmarked for Junior College and specifically books and supplies. First-time applicants are given priority, and repeat applicants will be considered based on funds available.

5. GRADUATE STUDIES : RAYMOND SANDBERG/BERHTA KALM SCHOLARSHIP

(Award: \$2,500 - \$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. First-time applicants are given priority, and repeat applicants will be considered based on funds available.

6. MEDICAL STUDIES: RAYMOND JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

(Award: the actual investment income, general range \$3,000 - \$6,000 per year)

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.

7. VOCATIONAL STUDIES: CARL G. LINDQUIST SCHOLARSHIP

(Award: \$1,000 - \$2,000)

This award is given to a student who plans to enter or is already enrolled full- or part-time at an accredited vocational, technical, or trade institution. First-time applicants are given priority, and repeat applicants will be considered based on funds available.

Application material may be downloaded from the District 15 website www.vasaDL15.org, requested from the applicant's Local Lodge Secretary, or requested from the Scholarship Committee Chair Jennifer Weisbart-Moreno at scholarships@vasaDL15.org

Note regarding Payments: Most awards payments are made to the academic institution. However, award travel stipends are paid as a reimbursement upon submission of receipts for costs provided to the District Secretary. Awarded scholarships must be claimed within one year of date of award, with the exception of the Elderhostel & Cultural Program which must be claimed within two years.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Weisbart-Moreno at scholarships@vasaDL15.org or 206-931-6653