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SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS 2026

Application Due Date for All Scholarships: December 06, 2025

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 members' children or grandchildren who will be between the ages of 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 www.concordialanguagevillages.org/languages/swedish. Parents are responsible for registering their child and submitting an acceptance letter from school to District Secretary for payment.

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 \$2,000) This award is for members 55 years or older, who did not receive an award in the previous year. The scholarship must be used within one year 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 eligible to students who plan or have already enrolled in undergraduate studies at an accredited institution of higher learning.

5. GRADUATE STUDIES: RAYMOND SANDBERG/BERTHA 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.

6. MEDICAL STUDIES: RAYMOND JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

(Award: the actual investment income, general range \$2,000 - \$6,000 per year which is divided among recipients) 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.

NOTE: If Medical Studies Scholarship slots are full, your application may be re-categorized under Undergraduate or Graduate Studies to ensure continued consideration.

7. VOCATIONAL/TRADE SCHOOL STUDIES: CARL G. LINDQUIST SCHOLARSHIP

(Award: \$1,500 - \$2,000) (You can use part of the award for essential required tools, equipment, and supplies to learn and be reimbursed upon submitting a specified required list from the school & receipts to the District Secretary)

This award is open to high school seniors or any qualified members who plan to or are already enrolled full- or part-time at an accredited vocational, technical, trade institution or community college vocational program.

Applicants: First-time applicants are given priority and repeat applicants will be considered based on funds available

Language Camps: A scholarship holder wanting to extend their stay at the camp will be responsible for anything over the scholarship amount.

Reimbursement Payments: Tuition award disbursements are traditionally made directly to the academic institution. The District Secretary reimburses stipends for language camp travel and for the vocational/trade, community college scholarship holders. Please submit a list of essential required tools, equipment & supplies from the school and specify with receipts. Fill out the Scholarship Disbursement Request Form and forward to District Secretary.

Multiple Applicants from the same family: Applications from more than one member of the same family is permitted. However, if there are additional qualified candidates, only one scholarship per family will be awarded in each category.

Time Limit: Failure to claim your scholarship within one year may result in forfeiture of the award.

Download application materials from the District15 website: www.vasaDL15.org.

Questions? Contact Chairman, Cheryl Johnson at 562/686-6471,
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