**VASA ORDER OF AMERICA**

**DISTRICT LODGE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST NO. 15**

***REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2026***

***For Graduate, Medical, Undergraduate, and Vocational/Trade Studies***

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!

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

**The applicant must:**

 1. Be a member in good standing of a Local Lodge within District 15 for at least a year.

 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 06, 2025.

 3. Submit a separate page describing your lodge involvement such as offices held, meeting attendance, participation in lodge activities, etc.

 4. Provide a letter from the applicant’s Local Lodge Secretary, 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 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, district or lodge involvement, and career 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, 2026. All other scholarship applicants will receive a notification no later than February 11, 2026.

MEDICAL STUDIES If this scholarship becomes full, please be aware that your application may get re-categorized under Undergraduate/Graduate instead to ensure continued consideration. There are only two scholarships for medical studies.

Those requesting a VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR TRADE can use part of their scholarship to be reimbursed for essential required tools, equipment and supplies needed to learn their craft. They must submit this specified required list from their school of education and receipts to the District Secretary for payment.

Multiple applications from the same family is permitted; however, if there are other qualified candidates, only one scholarship will be awarded per family per category.

First time applicants are given priority and repeat applicants will be considered based on funds available.

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

Failure to claim the scholarship within one year may result in forfeiture of the award.

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

**APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 06, 2025!**

**Electronically send** to *scholarships@vasaDL15.org*

or happycherylc@aol.com RE District15 Scholarship

**OR**

 **Mail by December 06, 2025 to*:***

*Cheryl Johnson*

*13807 Penn Street*

*Whittier, CA 90602*

**Tip: Order your transcripts and request two educational reference letters and the letter from your Lodge Secretary no later than December 6, 2025.**

If you have questions, please email happycherylc@aol.com, RE: District 15 Scholarship, or call Scholarship Committee Chair Cheryl Johnson at 562-686-6471

GOOD LUCK! / LUCKA TILL!