**VASA ORDER OF AMERICA**

**DISTRICT LODGE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST NO. 15**

***REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS FOR SJÖLUNDEN SCHOLARSHIP 2026***

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

**The applicant must:**

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!

1. Either be a member or the child/grandchild of a person who has been a member of a local lodge within District #15 since January 1, 2025.

 2. Be between 14 and 18 years of age when the Camp begins (generally in July).

 3. Submit a completed written application along with all the required documents before the due date to the scholarship committee chair.

 4. Submit a separate page describing the applicant’s lodge involvement, such as offices held, meeting attendance, participation in lodge activities, any scholarship hours earned, etc. In addition, include your family’s involvement.

 5. Provide a letter from the applicant’s Local Lodge Secretary enclosed in a sealed envelope before or e-mail it directly to the Scholarship Committee Chair on or before the application deadline.

a. verifying the applicant’s lodge membership and/or applicant’s parent’s or grandparent’s membership in good standing.

b. The letter shall also describe the applicant’s past and present involvement in lodge activities and any scholarship hours earned.

6. Provide one letter of recommendation from a current teacher, counselor, or principal. The letter

 shall establish the applicant’s classroom/campus attitude, study habits, and ability to adapt to camp

 environment.

 (A form letter posted on [www.VasaDL15.org](http://www.VasaDL15.org) may be used by the person giving the reference.)

 7. Submit an original, typed essay of 300-500 words on the subject:

*How this camp’s Nordic cultural experience can benefit me*

**If the applicant wins an award, the parent/guardian is required to:**

1. Make the original contact with the language camp registering their child and obtain an acceptance letter to claim scholarship award.
2. Within six weeks of receiving the award, provide evidence of health and accident insurance absolving the District Lodge of any liability during the camp and while traveling to and from the camp.
3. Provide receipts for travel costs to the District Secretary after the conclusion of the camp.

 4. Within three months of concluding the camp, mail/email to the Scholarship Committee Chair a journal report written by the student of their Sjölunden Language camp experience. Photographs and drawings are also welcomed. This may be used to encourage other students who have never been there. It may be posted on the district website.

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Award winners will be notified by February 1, 2025. All other scholarship applicants will receive a notification no later than February 11, 2025.

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 one year of date of award.**

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

**Hint: Please request the letter from your Lodge Secretary and your educational reference letter by December 6, 2025.**

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS,

**electronically no later than DECEMBER 06, 2025**

to *scholarships@vasaDL15.org*

OR

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

*Cheryl Johnson, 13807 Penn St. Whittier CA 90602*

*happycherylc@aol.com* *RE District 15 Scholarship*

Questions? Please email/text Scholarship Committee Chair Cheryl Johnson, 562/686-6471, happycherylc@aol.com RE District 15 Scholarship

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