**VASA ORDER OF AMERICA**

**DISTRICT LODGE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST NO. 15**

***REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS FOR***

***UPPSALA SWEDISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP 2026***

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 of a local lodge within Vasa District 15 since January 1, 2025.

 2. Turn 18 years of age before the program starts (generally in June-July).

 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 is December 06, 2025.

 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 enclosed 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.

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 a letter of recommendation.

- If you’re still or have recently been in school request a reference letter 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.

-For adults who have been out of school for some time, request a letter from a Vasa member or other community organization or something equivalent. The author may not be a family member.

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

*Why do you want to learn the Swedish language and how will you apply it.*

**If the applicant wins an award, s/he is required to:**

 1 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.

 2 Provide receipts for travel costs to the District Secretary after the conclusion of the camp.

 3 Within three months of concluding the camp mail a written report of the Swedish Island Camp experience to the Scholarship Committee Chair. Photographs and drawings are also welcomed. This may be shared on our district website to encourage others.

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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.

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.

Awarded scholarships must be claimed within one year of date of award.

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

**NOTE: Please request a letter from your Lodge Secretary, early, in November and allow enough time for your educational reference letter so you don’t miss the deadline.**

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS,

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

to *scholarships@vasaDL15.org*

OR

 **Post marked by December 06, 2025 to***:*

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

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

If you have questions, please text Scholarship Committee Chair Cheryl Johnson 562/686-6471

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