

VASA ORDER OF AMERICA

District Lodge Pacific Southwest #15 -- 2010 Scholarship Programs

District Lodge Pacific Southwest #15 is pleased to offer the following scholarships to members of Local Lodges within the District:

TWO ANDREW WENDELL SCHOLARSHIP: A two week stay at the Swedish Sjölundén camp in Bemidji, Minnesota, awarded to teenagers between 14 and 17 years of age who are members, children or grandchildren of members in a Local Lodge within District #15. The District pays the tuition, and award recipients are given up to \$500 each for travel expenses. After the camp, participants must mail receipts for travel expenses to the District Treasurer.

Sjölundén camps are usually held in July or August, offering unique opportunities to explore Swedish traditions and culture through food, songs, sports, crafts and total language immersion. For more information about Sjölundén, please visit www.concordialanguagevillages.org/newsite/Programs/Youth/Summer_villages/swedish.php

This camp may be taken for high school credit. Please check with your school and Sjölundén for the requirements. You may need to complete several years in succession to receive credit.

Applicant must be a member or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing of a Local Lodge within District #15 for at least one year prior to the opening of the 2010 District Convention to qualify

TWO \$1,000 ELLEN BERGSTONE SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a member of District 15, 55 years and older, who did **not** receive this award in 2009. The scholarship must be used up within two years from when it was awarded and may be utilized for a Nordic related cultural program; e.g., the adult Sjölundén 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 above the scholarship are the responsibility of the award recipient.

THREE (\$4,000, \$2,500, \$1,500) RAYMOND SANDBERG SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to students who plan to enter or are already enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning *for the fall term of 2010*, and who did **not** receive an award in 2009.

ONE \$4,000 CARL G. LINDQUIST VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a student who plans to enter or is already enrolled full- or part time at an accredited vocational, technical or trade institution. Applicant may receive this award no more than two times.

ONE RAYMOND JOHNSON MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a student who plans to enter or is already enrolled at an accredited institution in the medical field and who plans to study to become a medical doctor, nurse, paramedic, etc. This is a four year renewable scholarship. The recipient is given the interest on the funds in the scholarship account each year for up to four years, as long as the recipient is enrolled in the medical school.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT OFFERED FOR 2010.

Application Documents may be downloaded from the District #15 website, www.vasaDL15.com. You may also request them from your Local Lodge Secretary or the Scholarship Chairman Siv Swan-Pierson at DL15scholarships@verizon.net, 760-365-4886 (phone calls only after September 16, please).

Payments: *The Andrew Wendell award:* Tuitions are payable to Concordia Language Villages. The travel expense money is paid to the scholarship recipients. *The Raymond Sandberg, Carl G. Lindquist, and Raymond Johnson awards* are payable to the institution at which the student is enrolled or accepted for enrollment. *The Elderhostel awards* will be paid to the recipients. All award payments will be disbursed when the District Treasurer receives proof of your acceptance into the institution of learning to which you have applied.

Certificate At the 2010 District Convention, each scholarship recipient will be presented with a special certificate showing which scholarship they have been awarded.