

Vasa Scholarships to Swedish Language Camp

The Grand Lodge Executive Board will award Sjölundén Scholarships to qualified applicants from the U.S. and Canada.

Eligibility: Applicant must be between 12 and 18 years of age as of April 1, 2016.
Applicant, parent/guardian or grandparent must be member of the Vasa Order of America for at least **two** years prior to April 2016.

Requirements: Award winner is expected to provide:

- A. evidence of health/accident insurance **and** a statement absolving the Vasa Order of America of any liability,
- B. a letter of recommendation from a current teacher and the latest records of grades,
- C. a brief essay on “WHY I SHOULD BE CHOSEN TO GO TO THE SJÖLUNDÉN SWEDISH CAMP,”
- D. a letter, bearing the **Local Lodge Seal**, verifying that applicant, parent/guardian or grandparent will be a member for at least **two** years prior to April 1, 2016,
- E. other comments that will assist in selecting the winners.

Awards: The Vasa Order of America will pay the basic tuition (around \$2,035) for the two-week 2016 Summer Program and will reimburse travel expenses up to \$600 against submitted receipts. All other costs will be borne by the recipient.

Date of Camp: August 1-13, 2016 (Schedule is subject to change). Refer to:

<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-languages/Swedish-language-village>

Winners will be notified and names submitted to the Language Village. – Tuition will be paid to the Village. – Winners will then make application on the web: <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-dates-and-rates>. Language Village application must be completed and returned to them together with the evidence of insurance as requested above. – The program is a unique opportunity for young students interested in learning the Swedish Language and Culture. – Exciting language, cultural and recreational programs are offered by well-trained and highly qualified staff members. – Participants live in cabins with their own counselors who organize all activities and teach the language. – Tuition includes food, lodging, instruction and instructional material. – Villagers may bring spending money that will be converted to Swedish currency for purchases at the Village Store. – Sjölundén is Language Village is located by the Turtle River near Bemidji, Minnesota. – The village is surrounded by beautiful Scandinavian looking woods and is accessible by commercial air travel.

Mail the application below, together with all information requested above, to:

Art Bjorkner, Vice Grand Master
31 Vasa Dr
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Name of Applicant _____ Applicant's date of birth _____ Phone number with Area Code _____

Address/State/Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Vasa Member's name: Applicant _____ Lodge _____ # _____

Parent(s) _____ Lodge _____ # _____

Grandparents _____ Lodge _____ # _____

LL Secretary: Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/PC _____

Note: You are still eligible even if you have registered to attend Sjölundén 2016 summer but please check here ____ to avoid double billing. **POSTMARK DATE IS FEBRUARY 10, 2016. LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Good Luck!