

VASA ORDER OF AMERICA
A Swedish American Fraternal Organization
DISTRICT LODGE LAKE MICHIGAN NO. 8
Instituted March 31, 1908
DISTRICT NO. 8 & SOUTH SIDE CHICAGO LODGES SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

MAIL OR EMAIL TO:
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DUE DATE – March 15, 2025

Checklist: <input type="checkbox"/> Main Application (3 pages) <input type="checkbox"/> Photo <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript(s) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Reference Letters <input type="checkbox"/> LL Recommended (Req.) <input type="checkbox"/> CC Recommend (Opt.) <input type="checkbox"/> Essay
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APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE ATTACH PHOTO OF APPLICANT.

Application Date:

Name:

Street Address:

City/State /Zip:

Phone:

Email Address:

Birthplace:

Birth Date:

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Ancestry: Danish Finnish Icelandic Norwegian Swedish Other

Date Initiated into Vasa Order:

Member of Children's Club (Name & No.) – *if applicable*:

Member of Local Lodge (Name & No.):

Lodge Recording Secretary:

Lodge Street Address:

Lodge City/State/ Zip:

Lodge Phone:

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EDUCATION

High School Name (if H.S. Senior):

College/University Name:

College/University Address:

College/University City/State/Zip:

Major (and minor, if applicable) course(s) of study:

TRANSCRIPT OF COURSES AND GRADES

ATTACH A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES THROUGH THE FIRST SEMESTER OF YOUR CURRENT YEAR IN SCHOOL.

HONORS RECEIVED

Please include when received.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please include period of time involved (e.g. Jan 2023 – Nov 2024).

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COMMUNITY AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES
Please include period of time involved (e.g. Jan 2023 – Nov 2024).

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

EMPLOYMENT
Please include period of employment (e.g. Jan 2023 – Nov 2024).

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TWO (2) PERSONAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Letters must be received from two references and may be attached to this application and/or mailed directly to Lynda separately. Personal references CANNOT be relatives.

1. Name:

Street Address:

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Email:

Phone:

2. Name:

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Email:

Phone:

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LOCAL LODGE RECOMMENDATION (required)

Dear Local Lodge Recording Secretary:

Your member has applied for a scholarship from the District Lodge. The information requested below is very important in assisting our judges in rating the applicants, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Applicant, _____, was initiated into the Vasa Order on _____ (date)
and is a member in good standing of our lodge.

Supporting Statements:

(Local Lodge Name and Number)

(Signature of Local Lodge Recording Secretary)

LL SEAL
(here)

CHILDREN'S CLUB RECOMMENDATION (optional)

(Signature of Children's Club Supervisor)

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ESSAY

*Please write a **500 - 1,000-word** essay on **ONE** of the following subjects*:*

1. What unique talents, personal attributes, and/or experiences would you contribute to your local lodge or children's club in the future?
2. What is your favorite Scandinavian-related memory and why?
3. Knowing that Vasa's goal is to promote Nordic culture, why should the Scholarship Committee award a scholarship to you?
4. Describe a personal experience that influenced your decision to pursue a particular field of study

If you have previously applied for this scholarship, you must write this year's essay about a **different topic than the topic(s) you've previously chosen.*

Use a size 12 font or larger, and write your name and the question you are answering at the top of the first page as your title.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

In order to assist the scholarship committee in making a proper evaluation, a brief statement may be attached containing any additional information you consider relevant to your scholarship application. You may also attach supporting/additional information related to any of the above fields.

SWORN STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I WILL USE ANY AWARD GRANTED FOR NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN NECESSARY EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH MY EDUCATION. I DO (___) DO NOT (___) PERMIT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARD IF SELECTED.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE*: _____ DATE: _____

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