

**VASA ORDER OF AMERICA**  
A Swedish American Fraternal Organization  
DISTRICT LODGE LAKE MICHIGAN NO. 8  
Instituted March 31, 1908  
*LANGUAGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

**MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 15, 2025. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The District Lodge No. 8 Executive Board may award Sjölundén camp scholarships to qualified applicants from DL 8.

**Eligibility**

- Applicant must be between 12 and 18 years of age as of April 2025
- Applicant, parent/guardian, and/or grandparent must be a member of the Vasa Order of America for at least 2 years prior to April 2025

**Application Requirements**

- A letter of recommendation from a current teacher
- Latest records of school grades
- A letter bearing the Local Lodge Seal, verifying that the applicant, parent/guardian, and/or grandparent will have been a member for at least two years as of April 1, 2025
- A brief essay (~500 words) on “WHY I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND SJÖLUNDÉN SWEDISH CAMP” at Concordia Language Villages
- Any additional supporting information that may assist in selecting recipients (optional)

**Awards**

- DL 8 will pay basic tuition (around \$2,700) for a **two-week** 2025 summer program and will reimburse a maximum of \$300 in reasonable travel expenses against submitted receipts. All other costs will be borne by the recipient.
- Recipients will be notified and their names submitted to the Language Village. Tuition will be paid to the Village, then recipients will complete an online application available at [Concordia Language Villages - Swedish Overnight Programs](#). Award winners must provide evidence of health/accident insurance and a statement absolving DL 8 of any liability prior to tuition being paid.

*This 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 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:

Lynda Ann Smith, DL Youth Supervisor  
1502 Azalea Drive  
Munster, IN 46321

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name of Applicant:

Name of Vasa Member (if other than applicant):

Date of Birth:

Phone No:

Local Lodge No:

Address/State/Zip:

**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 No)*

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*(Signature of Local Lodge Recording Secretary)*

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(here)