

Vasa Order of America

Golden Valley Lodge No. 616

Instituted December 8, 1946

2017 Scholarship Application

Please read the Scholarship Criteria document approved May 12, 2017 before completing application

Applicant Name	<i>Last</i>		<i>First</i>		<i>MI</i>	
Date of Membership (Prior to 10/1/2016)				Birth Date		
Email Address						
Phone	Home			Cell		
Mailing Address						
Highest level of school completed				Date last attended		
Institution attending 2017-2018						
Academic Status 2017-2018	Freshman <input type="checkbox"/>	Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/>	Junior <input type="checkbox"/>	Senior <input type="checkbox"/>	Vocational <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____
Major				Expected Certificate or Degree		
Career Objective						
Citizenship (information required for IRS tax status)	US Citizen <input type="checkbox"/>		Resident Alien <input type="checkbox"/>		Nonresident Alien <input type="checkbox"/>	
Attached with this application are :						
<input type="checkbox"/> Transcript from most recent educational establishment					GPA:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay on topic: <i>Describe a memorable time you spent at a VASA function with the person that encouraged you to apply for the scholarship. Tell why you think that person encouraged to apply.</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year						
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of recommendation						
<input type="checkbox"/> School expense worksheet						
<input type="checkbox"/> VASA / Golden Valley Lodge participation worksheet						

I certify that all the information I have provided and attached with this scholarship application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Golden Valley Lodge No. 616 to review my academic records. I authorize the release of any information regarding this application to the membership of Golden Valley Lodge No.616. I authorize public acknowledgement of any Golden Valley Lodge No. 616 scholarship that I may receive.

Signature:

Date:

Application must be postmarked no later than October 1, 2017

Please send application to Scholarship Committee Chairman:
 Brad Richards, 1590 Lakewood Way, Upland, CA 91786

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2017 Scholarship Application School Expense Worksheet

Please attach supporting documentation

Applicant Name	
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	Term - 1	Term - 2	Term - 3
Term Ending Date			
Tuition	\$	\$	\$
Books	\$	\$	\$
Fees	\$	\$	\$
Supplies	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	\$	\$	\$
Term total	\$	\$	\$
Year total			\$

Please note that the scholarship is restricted according to IRS publication 970 as follows:

- You are a candidate for a degree at an eligible educational institution, and
- You use the scholarship to pay qualified education expenses.

Candidate for a degree. You are a candidate for a degree if you:

- Attend an accredited educational institution that is authorized to provide:
 - A program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's or higher degree, or
 - A program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

Eligible educational institution. An eligible educational institution is one that maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities.

Qualified education expenses. For purposes of tax-free scholarships, these are expenses for:

- Tuition and fees required to enroll at or attend an eligible educational institution, and
- Course-related expenses, such as fees, books, supplies, and equipment that are required for the courses at the eligible educational institution. These items must be required of all students in your course of instruction.

Expenses that do not qualify:

- Room and board
- Travel
- Research
- Clerical help, or
- Equipment and other expenses that is not required for enrollment in or attendance at an eligible educational institution.

Applicant initial: _____

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Scholarship Committee members as of May 12, 2017:

Mary Locke, Anette Richards, Brit Potter, Hubert Pitters, and Brad Richards

1. The Golden Valley Lodge No. 616 shall appoint a scholarship chairperson at its January business meeting. The elected chairperson shall create a committee (of at least three members) known as the "Scholarship Committee" to receive applications and to select scholarship recipient(s). No member of the committee is to be related to any applicant.
2. Golden Valley Lodge No. 616 will allocate \$20,000 each year for scholarships. If the total of \$20,000 has not been awarded the remainder will be voted on by the general membership of Golden Valley Lodge No. 616
3. Three categories of scholarships may be awarded by the committee each year:
 - \$4,000 maximum to a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in a four-year university
 - \$3,000 maximum to a full-time junior college student, vocational student, or graduate student
 - \$1,000 maximum to a part-time student, regardless of categoryFull-time is defined as a minimum 12 credit hours and part-time is defined as a minimum of 6 credit hours
4. Subject to limitations, student recipient may apply for scholarship in subsequent years. The accumulated amount granted since the inception of the awards in 2002 is restricted to \$12,000 per person, irrespective of category or scholarship criteria in effect at the time of award.
5. Student applicant must be a member of Golden Valley Lodge No. 616 since at least twelve months prior to the time of award. There is no age limit for recipient.
6. Applicant shall provide the most recent official transcript available. The Applicant shall provide a Letter of Acceptance from the chosen accredited educational institution or proof of enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year.
7. Applicant is required to write an essay, not to exceed 1000 words, to accompany each application. The committee shall decide the essay topic. Applicant must provide one academic recommendation from a principal, dean, instructor, counselor or student advisor at the most recent educational institution. This recommendation needs to be a dated and original letter that contains a contact phone number.

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8. Scholarship application with accompanying documents must be postmarked no later than October 1st. Award(s), if any, will be presented at the Golden Valley Lodge No. 616 Anniversary Celebration in December of each year.
9. The committee shall adhere to the following guidelines when awarding scholarship:
 - Grades 45 points maximum
 - Essay 15 points maximum
 - Participation in lodge activities 20 points maximum
 - Recommendation 5 points maximum
 - Grade completion 15 points maximum, 5 points/year

Applicant must reach a minimum score of 60 to receive scholarship award.

10. Scholarship shall be paid directly to the student.
11. Scholarship is limited to reimbursement of directly related school expenses of tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment. Student is required to document these school expenses for the applicable school year.
12. Recipient shall be invited to the anniversary celebration of Golden Valley Lodge No. 616 and is expected to attend for presentation of the award. The committee may grant an exception if the distance, scheduling or cost of travel from the educational establishment makes attendance a hardship for the student; a family member then may accept the award on behalf of the recipient.

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VASA / Golden Valley Lodge participation worksheet

*This information assists the Scholarship Committee in evaluating your participation level
(Committee members may not be familiar with some of your or your family's participation history)*

Applicant Name	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>
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	Year(s)	
Personal -GV Lodge (For example: tasks, meeting presence, activities)		
Personal -VASA (For example: Park activities, attend Camps, other Lodges' activities)		
Personal - Other (Participations in other Swedish activities)		
Family -GV Lodge (For example: tasks, meeting presence, activities)		
Family -VASA		

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Essay Question
2017

Describe a memorable time you spent at a VASA function with the person that encouraged you to apply for the scholarship. Tell why you think that person encouraged to apply.