



Vasa Order of America

Golden Valley Lodge No.

616

Instituted December 8, 1946

2009 Scholarship Application

Please read the criteria document, approved March 12, 2009, before completing application

Applicant Name: _____
Last First MI

E-mail address: _____ Date of membership (*mm/dd/yy*): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birth date (*mm/dd/yy*): _____ Male Female

Highest level of school completed and date: _____

Name of educational institution attending in 2008-2009: _____

Current Status: freshman ; sophomore ; junior ; senior ; vocational student ; other ; GPA: _____

Citizenship Status: U.S. ; Resident Alien ; Nonresident Alien ; (*information required for IRS tax status*)

Major (if declared): _____ Expected Certificate or Degree: _____

Describe your proficiency in Scandinavian languages: _____

Describe your participation in GVL activities: _____

Career Objective: _____

Attached with this application are:

- Transcript from most recent educational establishment
- Essay – *2009 Topic*: “My Vision of Vasa & Golden Valley Lodge in 2020”
- Letter of acceptance
- Two letters of recommendation
- School expense 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, 2009

*Please send application to Scholarship Committee Chairman:
Bertil Winther; PO Box 3890; Redondo Beach, CA 90277-1721*

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Please attach supporting documentation

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	Term – 1	Term – 2	Term – 3
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:

1. Attend a primary or secondary school or are pursuing a degree at a college or university, or
2. Attend an accredited educational institution that is authorized to provide:
 - a. A program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's or higher degree, or
 - b. 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 March 3, 2009:

Sonja Andonian, Kerstin Engblom, Marie Mickelson, Hubert Pitters, Bertil Winther

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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 \$12,000 each year for scholarships. If the total of \$12,000 has not been awarded the remainder will be voted on by the general membership of Golden Valley Lodge No. 616
3. Two categories of scholarships may be awarded by the committee each year:
 - \$3,000 maximum to a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in a four-year university
 - \$2,000 maximum to a full-time junior college student or a full-time vocational student or a part-time/full-time graduate studentMaximum number of annual awards shall be two in the first category and three in the second category
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 \$10,000 per person and no student is eligible to receive the scholarship more than four times, 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 application deadline. There is no age limit for recipient.
6. Applicant shall provide the most recent official transcript available. If applicable, the student shall provide a Letter of Acceptance from the chosen accredited educational institution.

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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 two letters of recommendation - one character reference from a person who is not a direct relative and one academic reference from the principal, dean, instructor, counselor or student advisor at the most recent educational institution.
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 10 points maximum
 - ❑ Recommendations 10 points maximum
 - ❑ Grade completion 15 points maximum, 5 points/year
 - ❑ Conversant in a Scandinavian language 5 points maximum
(Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish)

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.

