



### ***Jim and Mary Lou Widstrom Scholarship 2018***

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is June 20th, 2018.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., proof of SHS membership, letter of recommendation, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
5. You will be notified by phone or email by June 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call Alix Fox, Administrative Director. 815.963.5559 or by email at [museum@swedishhistorical.org](mailto:museum@swedishhistorical.org).

#### ***Purpose:***

The Jim and Mary Lou Widstrom Scholarship Fund was established in 2018. The mission of the scholarship is to award one student of Swedish Historical Society members the opportunity to attend the Sjölundén Swedish Language Village at the Concordia Language Villages, located in Bemidji, MN. The scholarship will cover the costs of one week stay in the immersive language program. The 2018 Camp dates are: August 13-18, 2018 for the WB08 Bemidji Youth Exploration.

#### ***Eligibility:***

1. Applicant must be 12 to 16 years old.
2. Applicant must be an active/ current Swedish Historical Society member. The applicant may be a part of a Family Membership or carry a Student Membership.
3. Applicant must be able to attend indicated camp dates. This scholarship may not be transferred or applied to another/ combined with another funding source for the cost of attending the Sjölundén Swedish Language Village.
4. Applicant does not need to show financial hardship to receive award, however, a statement of financial hardship from a guardian may be attached.

#### ***Application:***

1. Application Cover Letter addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should include a brief explanation of child's biographical (background) information, current involvement in Swedish Historical Society activities or cultural group activities, and a statement of how attending the language village will enrich student's awareness of their culture and history.
2. Complete Application Form attached.
3. One letter of recommendation from a non-guardian on how the student is a good candidate to receive the award.

#### ***Requirements upon receiving award:***

4. Applicant is responsible for arranging transportation
5. Applicant must give a final written report about experience at language village. This report will be used for future scholarship applications, in Swedish Historical Society newsletters and social media marketing.
6. Applicant may be required to speak at Swedish Historical Society functions about their experience at the language village.



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**1. Personal Information**

Full name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
Home telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Present home address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ SHS Membership Level \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Family Information**

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Work telephone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Present home address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Cultural, athletic, service, and extra activities. Use additional pages for sections 4a, 4b & 4c.**

**a. List all participation in Swedish Historical Society events and activities.**

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**b. List participation in athletic activities.**

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**c. List participation in community service and extra-curricular activities.**

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**4. Influence/ Heritage**

**Please describe your Nordic/ Scandinavian heritage and/or what you wish to learn about the culture.**

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**Please mail OR submit application in person to:**

**Jim and Mary Lou Widstrom Scholarship  
Swedish Historical Society**

**Attn: Alix Fox**  
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Rockford, IL 61104