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DISTRICT LODGE PENNSYLVANIA #9

October 23, 2024

TO: Local Lodge Secretaries, District No. 9

SUBJECT: 2024 Youth Language Camp Scholarship, Concordia Language Village

District Lodge Pennsylvania No. 9 is offering its annual YOUTH Language Camp Scholarship to Concordia's Swedish Language Village for summer 2024. It is open to all youth members and children or grandchildren of adult members of your Lodge between the ages of 8 and 18. The sponsoring Vasa member must have been a member for two years as of January 1, 2024.

We have received very favorable reviews from past winners, several of whom have gone back for another session, either as a Grand Lodge recipient or on their own. Two weeks of full linguistic and cultural immersion in a Minnesota lakeside accommodation, built to emulate a Swedish fishing village, has been a great experience for all of them.

Concordia Language Villages is offering two separate two-week immersion camp sessions with full room and board. The first session runs 7/15/24-7/27/24 for ages 8-14 and the second session runs 7/29/24-8/10/24 for ages 11-18. District #9 is offering to pay this entire tuition for one 2-week camp session, OR a portion of the 4-week option Ages 13-18 (7/15-8/10/2024) for a total of \$2,600. This tuition will be paid directly to Concordia Language Villages. In addition, with receipts, we will reimburse the successful candidate up to \$300 toward travel expenses.

Interested applicants are advised to visit www.concordialanguagevillages.org for updates and further information including any additional experiences on offer. Note that ALL campers and staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before arrival.

Attached is copy of the application form with the list of additional information required from each applicant. The application should be printed and scanned (PDF or JPEG) and sent via email to the Scholarship Committee Chair, Marit Knollmueller at mrk20901@gmail.com with any supporting materials by Saturday, March 16, 2024. You will be notified of the committee's decision within a week.

In Truth and Unity,

Marit Knollmueller, District 9 Scholarship Chair 2023/4