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## Grants Guidelines

The Swedish Council of America makes grants for projects that promote knowledge and understanding of Swedish-American culture, Swedish heritage, and/or the cultural ties between Sweden and the United States.

Grant proposals should clearly demonstrate how the project accomplishes at least one of the following:

- Serves to pass on Swedish heritage to future generations
- Enhances knowledge of the Swedish immigrants to the United States and their contributions to American life
- Develops program of events that increase knowledge and awareness of Swedish-American culture
- Promotes the many contemporary culture ties between North America and Sweden

The themes SCA would most like to support in 2012 are: August Strindberg, Raoul Wallenberg, and John Ericsson's *Monitor*.

**To apply for an SCA grant, the organization MUST:**

- Be a current affiliate member of Swedish Council
- OR Be endorsed by an SCA affiliate organization
- OR Be endorsed by an SCA Director.

**Applicants unsure of how to secure an endorsement should consult the SCA office before making an application – allow 2-3 weeks before the deadline.**

SCA does not require an applicant to have 501(c)(3) status, but does require evidence that an SCA affiliate group has agreed to sponsor the project. If an applicant resides in a region which has no nearby SCA affiliate, a member of the SCA Board of Directors can be assigned to monitor the project (the project director must contact the SCA office 2-3 weeks prior to the deadline if this is the case).

Grants will generally be made on a one time basis and will not exceed \$5,000.

A second award will not be granted to an organization for an identical or similar project previously funded by an SCA grant.

Eligible applicants are limited to one proposal per funding cycle.

A grant award can be made to an organization as "seed money" for a festival. SCA will not grant funding for a recurring festival in years two and three, but will consider and award in a subsequent year if the grant application is meritorious and is intended to bring about a qualitative enhancement of the festival through a new feature or concept.

SCA will provide seed money for starting language camps. Language camps receive one-time support only.

SCA will not fund a project that is essentially a forum for political advocacy. However, meritorious projects that are intended as a scholarly inquiry into political or social history will be supported.

Grantees will be required to demonstrate how the Swedish Council will be recognized for its award. This acknowledgement must be clearly visible on all materials, products, documentation, etc.

Because of our desire to assure visible recognition of grant support, Swedish Council of America will not grant funding to any project, event or exhibition that starts before May 14, 2012.

Swedish Council of America should not be viewed as the sole source of support for a project; there must be evidence of other financial contributions, whether received or pledged, from other donors. A projected income budget must be included with all applications with multiple sources identified.

Applications from Sweden will be accepted if representing a joint project with a North American partner. The grant money will be paid out to the American partner, regardless of which partner wrote the application and which part of the project is funded by the grant.

SCA will **NOT** fund the following:

- A project that consists of athletic or sports activities

- A project that consists of a religious, worship service

- Physical plant improvement, equipment, endowments, operating budgets, or annual fund drives

- Academic/degree studies by individuals or provide academic scholarships for undergraduate or graduate education

- Personal histories, including self-publishing

- Recurring events that are profitable

- Events (banquets, balls, etc.) planned primarily to raise funds for other activities, whether Swedish or not.