



THE RHODE ISLAND SWEDISH HERITAGE ASSOCIATION
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Swedes Seeking Saint Lucia Candidates 2016

The Rhode Island Swedish Heritage Association (RISHA), seeks young women between the ages of 15 and 22 of Swedish/ Scandinavian descent, or with a strong interest in Scandinavian culture, apply by written application, to be in the Lucia pageant as a "Lucia" candidate. RISHA is providing a **\$500.00 scholarship for the one girl chosen as Lucia**, from all candidates' applications.

RISHA hosts the "Saint Lucia Fest", on **Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 4-6:30pm**. The 4 pm candlelit festivity held at **St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce Street in E. Greenwich**, is significant as it introduces the beginning of the Swedish Christmas season.

Lucia candidates should apply with a **one page typed essay** describing her interest and knowledge of the Lucia tradition, and the significance of the meaning of Lucia to her. She should include why she wants to portray Lucia. **A second page** should include a short bio, her academic record, endeavors and extra curricular activities. No fee or sponsorship is required.

The Lucia candidates will be **judged** with a point system: **1**: by their written applications, **2**: their participation in the rehearsals singing and wearing the Lucia crown, and **3**: an oral interview by a panel of judges. The girl honored to wear the Lucia crown will be chosen and announced, **Thursday December 8th at the 7pm final rehearsal**. The remaining applicants will become Lucia's singing Honor Court, accompanying her in the beautiful candlelight procession and ceremony.

Attendance by all pageant participants is required at rehearsals, scheduled at **7pm on 11/18, 12/2**, and the **mandatory dress rehearsal, 12/8 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce Street in E. Greenwich RI**.

RISHA provides the costumes for the Lucia, her Singing Attendants, the Star boys and the Small Tomtes.

Please contact Astrid Drew, Lucia Director by telephone 943-0547 or email: astrid.s.drew@gmail.com, if interested in participating in the girls' chorus, as a star boy or as a Tomte. RISHA also has a website where photos of our Lucia Fest can be viewed: www.RISwedishHeritage.org

Deadline for the Lucia contestant self-written application/ essay, is to be postmarked no later than **December 4, 2016**.

Please mail the Lucia essay application to the Lucia Director, Astrid Drew. Address the envelope: Saint Lucia Contestant, C/O Astrid Drew, 37 Nelson Road, Cranston, RI 02921 or email: astrid.s.drew@gmail.com