



THE RHODE ISLAND SWEDISH HERITAGE ASSOCIATION
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Swedes Seeking Saint Lucia Candidates 2017

The Rhode Island Swedish Heritage Association, seeks young women between the ages of 15 and 22 of Swedish/ Scandinavian descent, or with a strong interest in Scandinavian culture, to 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 9, 2017 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 on **Friday, 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 11/17, 12/1**, and the **mandatory dress rehearsal, 12/8 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 99 Peirce Street in E. Greenwich RI 02818**.

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

Please contact Astrid M. Drew, Lucia Director, by telephone (401-450-9688) or email: astrid.m.drew@gmail.com, if interested in participating in the girl's 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, 2017**.

Please mail the Lucia essay application to the Lucia Director, Astrid M. Drew. Address the envelope: Saint Lucia Contestant, C/O Astrid Drew, 669 Elmwood Ave, unit B10, Providence, RI 02907 or email: astrid.m.drew@gmail.com