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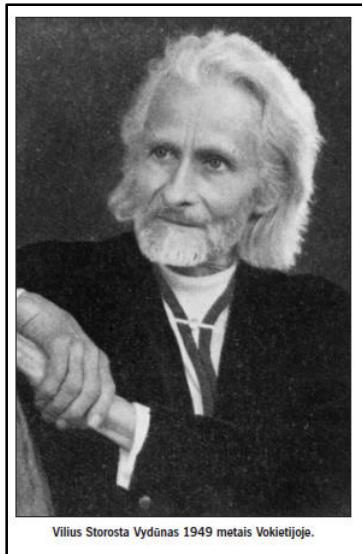
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Welcome to the Vydūnas Youth Fund, Inc. website.

The Fund was established in 1952 by a small group of student immigrant members of the Lithuanian Scouts Association's Collegiate Division. The purpose of the Fund was...and still is...to financially support the educational aspirations of lithuanian students in the United States, Canada, and other countries to which post-WWII lithuanians immigrated. This support was mainly in the form of student loans, which the recipients repaid once they attained their college degrees. This set up a financial support system, which „recycled“ the Funds resources to support new students and fund educational projects and publications.



Vydūno fondo valdyba 1968 m. Sėdi iš kairės: Amalija Jagutienė, Ramunė Kviklytė; stovi: Edvardas Jokubauskas, Vytautas Mikūnas, Anatolijus Milonas.



Vilnius Storosta Vydūnas 1949 metais Vokietijoje.

The Vydūnas Youth Fund is named for the famous lithuanian writer, educator, philosopher Vilhelmas Storosta – pen name VYDŪNAS. All of the Fund's administrative functions are handled by its Executive Board, which meets six to eight times a year to discuss the Fund's business, award scholarships, award financial support for educational projects, and other similar agenda items. The work of the Fund's Executive Board is overseen by an elected Board of Directors, which meets twice annually and is regulated by bylaws that adhere to the „State of Illinois Not For Profit Organization“ laws. The Vydūnas Youth Fund is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization and was incorporated in the state of Illinois in 1970.



The Fund has no paid employees. All of the Executive Board and Board of Directors members are volunteers. To contact the Fund's administrators, please leave a message on the office answering machine, send an e-mail, or postal letter to the above listed addresses.



The Fund is supported by tax-deductible donations from generous donors and by annual fund raising efforts. For more information about making donations to the Fund, click on the [**donations**](#) link in the menu on the left.



The Vydūnas Youth Fund provides over 100 scholarships each year. These range from \$200 – \$10,000 and are awarded to students of Lithuanian descent and also members of the Lithuanian Scouts Assn. Some of these scholarships are associated with specific universities and departments within those universities. Others are restricted to candidates who are attending colleges in specific states or

countries, according to the wishes of the donors who established the scholarships. A matrix of all of the Fund's annual scholarships and some of the application forms can be found under the [**scholarships**](#) link in the menu.

Some of the scholarships are established by the Vydūnas Youth Fund Executive Board. Many others have been established by generous donors to commemorate loved ones or to support students at universities they wish to support. Examples are the three \$10,000 Liautaud business student scholarships and the \$5,000 Banys art student scholarship given to Illinois university majors of Lithuanian descent; the Gražina





Musteikytė \$10,000 scholarship given to an exemplary Lithuanian Scouts Assn. student; the prof. Birutė Ciplijauskaite study abroad scholarship to a Lithuanian student studying the Spanish language in Lithuania; the prof. Romas Viskanta engineering graduate scholarship given to an exemplary engineering student at Lithuania's Engineering college; and others. The Fund welcomes and encourages all interested potential donors to become familiar with these **guidelines for establishing scholarships** found in the link in the menu.

The Fund also supports projects that are of an educational or developmental nature; publication of books and journals; Lithuanian Scouts leadership development courses; major organizational conferences and jamborees; contests and competitions that help develop creative and writing skills. The Executive Board members evaluate all received project support requests at their meetings and determine which projects to support and the amount of such support. The **project application form** link is in the menu.



A special fund was established in 2017 by the family of Antanas Dundzila, who was a past president of the Lithuanian Scouts Assn. This fund provides specific support for special projects and literature, which involve research into the Lithuanian armed resistance during and after WWII; the partisan guerilla warfare waged against the Soviet occupiers of Lithuania; mass deportations of Lithuanians to Siberia and the life of those deported persons; and other atrocities committed against Lithuanians during the 50 years of Soviet occupation of Lithuania and the other Baltic countries. More information and the application form can be found by clicking on the **Dundzila fund**

link.

As part of its fundraising, the Fund publishes and sells educational/historical books; maps of Lithuania; Christmas and other Lithuanian greeting cards; and musical CDs. A **listing and order form** of these items can be found in the link in the menu.

