

“To Preserve the Best of Norwegian Heritage and Culture for All People...”

— Statement of Sons of Norway Foundation Philosophy

The Sons of Norway Foundation

KING OLAV V NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND

King Olav V of Norway gave his permission to the Sons of Norway Foundation to use his name in establishing a fund to be known as the “King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Fund.”

Its purpose is to fund activities in which the American and Norwegian heritages are explored, studied and shared by qualified grant and scholarship recipients. Over \$200,000 has been raised by selling medallions and securing gifts from Sons of Norway members.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any American, 18 years of age or older, who has demonstrated a keen and sincere interest in the Norwegian heritage and/or any Norwegian who has demonstrated an interest in American heritage, and who now desires to further the study of their heritages at a recognized educational institution (arts, crafts, literature, history, music, folk-lore, etc.) is eligible to apply for a scholarship/grant. **Please note:** The King Olav V Norwegian American Heritage Fund receives a large number of applications and only those which fulfill the above eligibility requirements will go to the scholarship committee for consideration.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applicants must submit an application form (available from Sons of Norway in Norway or the United States—see below) and an essay, setting forth in 500 words or less, their reasons for applying for a scholarship/grant, the course of study to be pursued, the length of the course, the name of the institution which the applicant will attend and its tuition and costs, and the amount of financial assistance desired.

Applicants should also state how their course of study will benefit their community and be in accord with the goals and objectives of the Sons of Norway Foundation:

- Promote Improved International Relationships
- Provide People-to-People Enrichment Programs
- Promote Culture Exchange
- Promote and Implement Health Sports and Improved Lifestyle Concepts
- Promote Humanitarian Causes

Three letters of recommendation—in sealed envelopes—describing the character and abilities of the applicant, must accompany each application. Finally, applicants must submit an “official copy” of their latest high school or college grade transcript.

Deadline: Applications must be post-marked no later than March 1st of each year. **Please note:** Sons of Norway Foundation does not accept applications via fax or E-mail.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO:

Sons of Norway Foundation
c/o Sons of Norway
1455 West Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408

HOW MUCH IS THE AWARD?

The Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship Committee will determine each year the number of scholarships/grants to be awarded. The range will be \$250—\$3,000. A student can be awarded a maximum of two scholarships within a five-year period.

HOW ARE THE WINNERS SELECTED?

Final selection of the scholarship winners will be made by the Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship Committees. Some of the criteria for the final selection are:

- Grade point average
- Participation in school and community activities
- Work experience
- Education and career goals
- Personal and school references

Applicants may expect to be notified approximately one to two months after the deadline for submission.

WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS IF I AM AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT?

Except as described, no obligations of any kind are imposed upon you as a scholarship/grant holder, and no obligation or liability is assumed by the Sons of Norway Foundation in connection with any scholarships. However, a written report upon completion of the study will be appreciated.

HOW ARE THE AWARDS PAID?

Checks will be made payable jointly to you and your school and must be endorsed by both.

REVISION POLICY

The general conditions and procedures under which scholarship/grant awards are made may be reviewed periodically by the Sons of Norway foundation. Applicant eligibility may be modified at the sole discretion of the Sons of Norway Foundation. However, any previously approved scholarship/grant award will not be affected by new conditions or procedures. In cases where a student has secured application materials early, it is recommended that the student check with the Norway or Minneapolis office in January, making certain that no revisions have been made which will affect the upcoming grant period.

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**APPLICATION FOR
THE SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION
KING OLAV V NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND**

(Please type or print clearly in black ink.)

1. _____
Last or Family Name First Middle

2. Female Male Citizenship _____
Age _____ Year and Place of Birth _____

3. Permanent Address (street, city, state, country, postal code)

_____ Tel. () _____

4. Address to which correspondence should be sent (if different from above):

_____ Tel. () _____

5. What are your **cumulative** high school and college grade point averages?
High School _____ College _____
If you are not on a 4.0 scale, please indicate _____

6. Rate your language ability:

English:	<input type="checkbox"/> native/fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> few words	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Norwegian:	<input type="checkbox"/> native/fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> few words	<input type="checkbox"/> none
Other:					
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> native/fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> few words	
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> native/fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> few words	

7. Please list any degrees/diplomas you hold (include high school, college, university, vocational or technical school.)

Degree/Diploma	Institution/Location	Year	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Are you currently a candidate for any degree? Yes No If Yes, please specify:

Degree/Diploma	Institution/Location	Year	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____

9. Have you previously been awarded a King Olav Scholarship? No Yes, year _____.

10. Please describe fully the program/institution you will use this grant to attend (include name, complete address, description of course of study, dates, duration and cost):

11. Please list any honors or awards you have received:

12. Please list any memberships or affiliations in professional, fraternal, civic, community or social organizations (include any offices held, volunteer work) and any work experiences:

13. Please attach a three-part essay of 500 words or less, describing:

- 1) Your interest in Norwegian/American heritage (relate to personal goals, education, community or social activities, career goals).
- 2) Describe how your experience would benefit the community and is in accord with Sons of Norway Foundation objectives. (See below.)
- 3) State how the program of study to be funded relates to question #13-1.

14. Indicate the amount of funding requested: _____

Cost of Program: \$ _____
 Ability to Pay: \$ _____
 Need: \$ _____

CHECKLIST

Submit this application when all items are completed.

- Application form completed and signed
- Three letters of recommendation (in envelopes sealed by the reference source).
- Official grade transcript a) enclosed _____ b) will be sent directly by the school _____

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Deadline: March 1.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

FOUNDATION OBJECTIVES:

- * Promote improved international relationships
- * Provide people-to-people enrichment programs
- * Promote cultural exchange
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- * Promote humanitarian causes

CRITERIA BY WHICH CANDIDATES ARE EVALUATED:

- 1. Academic potential
- 2. Financial need
- 3. Statement of education and career goals
- 4. Benefit to Sons of Norway and wider Norwegian community
- 5. Involvement in school and community activities
- 6. Other, e.g., work experience