

Our Mission

The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live.

Overview

The Sons of Norway International Board of Directors established the Lund Fund of the Sons of Norway Foundation in 2010 as a tribute to former Chief Executive Officer, John Lund and former Legal Counsel of Sons of Norway, Allan Lund, for their combined forty years of outstanding service and dedication.

The Lund family has chosen to use this scholarship fund for study abroad experiences through accredited, post high school, educational institutions. No preference shall be given based on the country selected for the study abroad experience. Special consideration shall be given to military veterans.

“We of Norwegian heritage value education. Travel and cross cultural learning has been integral to Norway since Viking times. In our modern era we see the importance of living and studying in a foreign country as an opportunity to meet and understand peoples of different cultures that provides benefit throughout a student’s life.” - John Lund

Eligibility

- Any current Sons of Norway member, child or grandchild of a current member who demonstrates a keen interest in a post high school study abroad experience.*
- Those who have a certificate of completion from high school and are enrolled in a recognized educational institution abroad or a study abroad program facilitated by an accredited college or university in the United States.
- If you are not currently enrolled in a post-secondary program you must show proof of enrollment prior to receiving scholarship funding.
- Scholarships may only be used to pay for tuition only for upcoming studies between June 2018-May2019. The Foundation does not provide financial assistance for current or previous academic years, room/board, travel, etc.

Criteria

- A short autobiography, 150 words or less.
- An essay of 500 words or less addressing each of the following key points:
 - Describe how this scholarship will help you further your career goals.
 - Explain why you have chosen your area of study or training and what you hope to achieve in your life through your future career.
 - Share any involvement in volunteer, school and/or community activities and what that involvement has taught you.

- State how your course of study will benefit your community and be in accord with at least one of the following the goals and objectives of the Sons of Norway Foundation: (1) promoting improved international relationships, (2) providing people-to-people enrichment programs, (3) promoting culture exchange or (4) promoting humanitarian causes.
 - Describe your involvement in the Sons of Norway and how it has shaped who you are today.
 - Explain how you will share this experience with the Sons of Norway or wider audiences.
- Academic potential:
 - If you have already studied in a post-secondary program for at least one year, please include a copy of your most recent transcripts.
 - If you are currently still in high-school or in your first semester of post-secondary study, please include a copy of your most recent transcripts and your ACT or SAT score.Please note, “official” transcripts may be required once an applicant is tentatively selected.
 - Financial need: Be prepared to include the amount you are able to pay for post-secondary education/training in the online application.
 - Two letters of recommendation that address the applicant’s character and abilities.

Application Process

Applications are only accepted via our online portal at www.sonsofnorway.com/scholarships. To apply:

- 1) Go into the scholarship portal at www.sonsofnorway.com/scholarships and create a username and password.
Please note: The username and password will be different from your Sons of Norway membership login. You must create new credentials every year you apply for a scholarship.
- 2) Complete the profile section that includes your contact information.
- 3) Select the scholarship(s) for which you would like to apply and complete those application(s).
Please note: As of the 2017 scholarship year, applicants will be limited to applying for either domestic scholarships OR international scholarships, not both. However, you may apply for as many scholarships in either category for which you are eligible.
- 4) Upload all required supplementary attachments to the portal including: a copy of your transcripts, a copy of your ACT or SAT scores (if you have less than one term in college), your letters of recommendation and a high resolution photograph (for use in the Viking magazine, etc. should you receive an award).
Please note: ONLY send letters of recommendation via e-mail to scholarship@sofn.com should the author(s) of the letter(s) require they remain confidential. If a reference e-mails a letter on your behalf be sure they include your name and the name of the scholarship in the subject line.
- 5) Check the box stating that you, the applicant, have completed the application and that no one else has completed it for you.
- 6) Send your final submission no later than January 15

Award Selection

Final selection of the scholarship winners will be made by a scholarship committee appointed by the Sons of Norway Foundation. Scoring is dependent on the use of complete sentences, proper grammar, and inclusion of information outlined in the essay requirements listed above.

Candidates may only receive two Sons of Norway scholarships in a five-year period.

Award Amount

The monetary award for this scholarship is for up to \$2,500.

Scholarship Notification and Payment

Notification of an award will be made by phone within 14 weeks of the application deadline.

Scholarship funding is made payable to the institution listed on the application and mailed to the scholarship recipient. Please be sure the information listed in the, “student ID,” section of the profile page is accurate to assure the scholarship will be applied to the proper student account.

Recipient Requirements

Scholarship recipients are expected to grant permission to use their photo and name in the Viking magazine, the Foundation’s annual report and other scholarship promotional materials. They are also expected to give a presentation, including photos, at their Sons of Norway lodge or one close to them to explain how this scholarship is helping them achieve their educational dreams. We will provide you with a form for a lodge officer to sign after your presentation.

Revision Policy

The Sons of Norway Foundation reserves the right to modify requirements. All participants are encouraged to check the Foundation website, www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation for the most current information.

Questions

Questions may be directed to the Foundation at scholarship@sofn.com.

The deadline for submission of the completed application and all required elements is JANUARY 15.

* Membership must be in effect at least one calendar year prior to application. Students may only apply under their parents’ or grandparents’ Sons of Norway membership if they are age 26 or younger.

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship.