Our Mission
We award scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway, and provide assistance to our members, lodges and their communities.

Overview
Bernt Anker, Sons of Norway member since 2005, feels deeply that college students without parents should have the same opportunity and support as students who come from a two-parent household. It is thanks to Mr. Anker’s generosity that this four-year scholarship is possible.

Who is Eligible?
- American citizens who have applied to or are enrolled in an accredited, four-year, post-secondary institution or a two-year community college with the intent of continuing toward an undergraduate degree in the US.
- Those who have a certificate of completion from high school or are about to graduate from high school.
- Those who are between the ages of 17-25 years old.
- Preference will be given to students without parents or to students raised by single parents.
- Candidates may only receive two Sons of Norway scholarships in a five-year period.

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.
  - Share why you have chosen your area of study or training and what you hope to achieve through your future career.
  - Explain any involvement in volunteer, school and/or community activities and what that involvement has taught you.
  - 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 high school transcripts.
  *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.
Letters of Recommendation:
- Two letters of recommendation that address the applicant’s character and abilities.
- For students without parents - We require that one recommendation letter verify your situation, on institutional letterhead from either:
  1. your high-school guidance counselor, or
  2. an official office of your college (such as the financial aid or bursar’s office).

How do I apply?
Applications are only accepted via our online portal at www.sonsofnorway.com/scholarships.

The steps to apply are as follows:
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 log-in. 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, 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.


How are the winners selected?
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. Notification of the award will be made within 10 weeks of the deadline.
How much is the award?
In 2017 three scholarships will be awarded. Each scholarship will be for up to $3,000 each and has the potential to be renewed for up to four years, for a total of up to $12,000 for each scholarship recipient. Renewal of the scholarship will be dependent on follow-up communications with the Sons of Norway Foundation Director.

How are the scholarships paid?
The scholarships are paid to the post-secondary institution that is listed on the application. Please be sure the information listed in the, “student ID,” section of the profile page is accurate to assure timely payment to the correct account.

What are the obligations if I am awarded a scholarship?
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 a local Sons of Norway lodge to explain how this scholarship is helping them reach their educational dreams. We will provide a form for a lodge officer to sign after the presentation.

You will also be required to check-in with the Sons of Norway Foundation Director regarding your continued enrollment at your chosen institution to receive the next year’s scholarship payment.

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.

The deadline for submission of the completed application and all required elements is APRIL 10.

You may e-mail questions to scholarship@sofn.com prior to submission of your application.