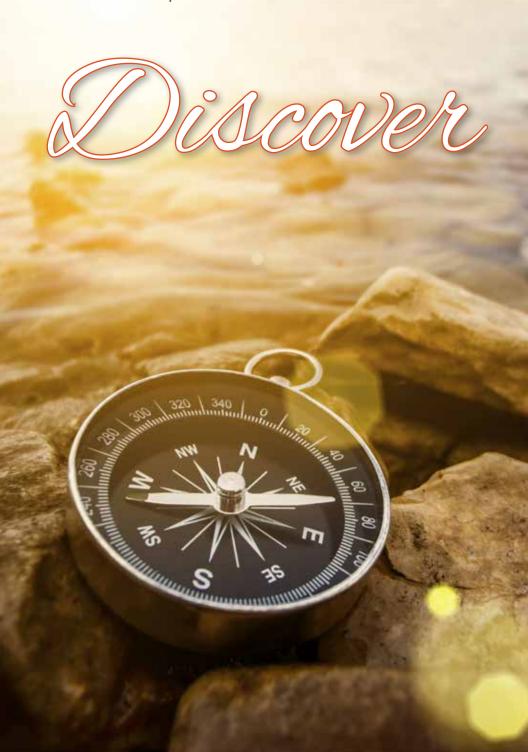
Sons of Norway Foundation 2014 Annual Report



Discover what's possible



Thanks to you 2014 was another incredible year for the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Together we created many opportunities to share Norwegian heritage within our communities. Foundation grants continue to provide funding so that our lodges may bring timely presentations to our members.

Some of the 2013 topics included the WWII resistance movement in Norway, 100 years of immigrant history in Minnesota, showcasing contemporary Norwegian art, Syttende Mai and participation in Nordic Festivals across the USA.

Our youth are grateful to receive college scholarship funding from the Foundation. This financial help allows them to concentrate on their studies, to participate in unique study-abroad opportunities and give back to the Norwegian-American communities they came from upon graduation.

We offer this annual report to you, our donors and recipients, in thanks for your continued support.

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Foundation Director

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The Sons of Norway Foundation was established in 1966 to provide funding for research and promotion of Norwegian heritage and culture. We have grown in our focus and offerings so that in 2014 we had six categories of scholarships and four categories of grants.

Our passion:

- Creating opportunities for success through higher education
- Showcasing our unique Norwegian heritage to wider audiences
- Exploring cross-cultural exchange
- Providing humanitarian support for Sons of Norway members who are victims of natural disasters

Our mission:

- Supporting educational goals through scholarships
- Showcasing modern Norway and its place in the world
- Supporting Sons of Norway lodges to provide quality Norwegian themed programming in their communities
- Strengthening the bonds between the U.S. and Norway by promoting cross-cultural exchange
- Preserving Norwegian heritage for future generations
- Promoting Norwegian cultural opportunities through the arts
- Offering Sons of Norway members aid following natural disasters

Contact us at foundation@sofn.com or (800) 945-8851 or check us out at www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation.

We invite you to join in our efforts by donating your time, talents and assets to help us achieve our goals.

Grant Opportunities

Local Lodge Partnership Grants

Offered to Sons of Norway lodges that wish to promote Norwegian heritage through programming in their communities.

General Heritage & Culture Grants

Offered to individuals, groups or organizations that promote Norwegian heritage and culture to wider audiences.

Sons of Norway Foundation Humanitarian Fund

Founded in response to the Red River Floods of 1997 and continues today, offering two kinds of grants:

Helping Hands to Members Grants

Awarded to Sons of Norway members affected by natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes. In 2013 Sons of Norway families impacted by flooding in Colorado and Calgary were awarded these grants.

Helping Hands to Children Grants

Awarded to support Norwegian heritage programming, for children in lodges, schools and for Project Framtid.

Scholarship Opportunities

King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship

For American students 18 and older wishing to pursue the study of Norwegian topics or Norwegian students 18 and older wishing to study American topics.

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship

For women 18-36 enrolled in college as sophomores, juniors or seniors studying specific areas of science and engineering.

Oslo Summer School Scholarship

For students to experience an eight week study-abroad program at the University of Oslo.

Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship

For students 18 or older to study for an entire school year at one of Norway's 70 folk high schools.

Astrid Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship

For any post high school study at an accredited school.

Lund Fund Scholarship

For accredited study-abroad experiences.

The Draxten Fund

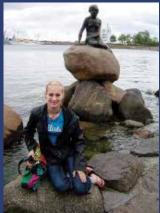
For youth to attend one of the many Norwegian heritage camps offered throughout Sons of Norway Districts in the United States.

The Warne - Eng Scholarship

The Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship creates an opportunity for qualified applicants to attend educational institutions in Norway.

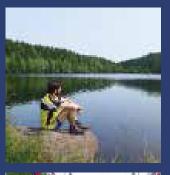
Your Donations In Action

2014 Scholarship Recipients



















This year's Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship recipients have broadened their horizons through amazing travel experiences near and far.

The Sons of Norway Foundation was established in 1966 to provide funding for research and promotion of Norwegian heritage and culture. In 1985, the Foundation started awarding scholarships to help students further their education. In 2014, the Sons of Norway Foundation awarded 24 scholarships totaling \$60,954.

Lund Fund Scholarship

Established in 2010 to honor former Sons of Norway CEO John Lund and former legal counsel Allan Lund, a \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to American students studying abroad.



Bonney Melton is a junior at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., pursuing a double major in Norwegian studies and global studies. This fall, she is studying at Norway's

Telemark University College. **Fun fact:**Bonney would like to have a career in public relations or marketing with a Norwegian-American company.



Mikayla Borud is pursuing a music education major and Norwegian minor at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. This past summer, she attended the

International Summer School at the University of Oslo. **Fun fact:** During the spring of 2014, she studied Norwegian folk music in Telemark, Norway.

Saltveit Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Carl M. Salveit Sr., a former Sons of Norway International Director, and provides tuition and room and board for one applicant from District 2 to attend the International Summer School at the University of Oslo.



Hannah Graves graduated in May from Wyoming Catholic College in Lander, Wyo., Magna Cum Laude. Fun fact: Hannah will be teaching Latin and art this upcoming year at St. Pius V in Pasadena, Texas.

Scholarship to Oslo International Summer School

Two \$1,500 scholarships are awarded each year to help Sons of Norway members attend the University of Oslo for an eight-week summer session. Summer school students, representing more than 90 countries each year, return home as "global citizens."



Katelyn Johnson is a sophomore at the University of North Dakota with a triple major in Norwegian, biology and honors with an emphasis in pre-medicine. **Fun fact:** At

the Norsk Høstfest, Katelyn was named Miss Norsk Høstfest and played her accordion at the festival.



Kjerstin Engebretson is a junior at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., with a double major in business economics and global studies, global systems and processes.

Fun fact: As a Barry Scholar for Concordia College, Kjerstin is currently participating in a second study abroad opportunity in Ireland for the fall semester.

King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Fund

Promotes cultural exchange between Norway and North America for both American students 18 and older studying Norwegian topics, and Norwegian students who study in the United States.

American Recipients



Johanna Weissing is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Scandinavian studies with a certificate in Medieval studies.
Fun fact: Johanna hopes

to be involved in the work of translating Old Norse documents of historical and cultural significance into English. She plans to spend next summer in Norway becoming fluent in the language



and learning the culture.

Laila Simon is a senior at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., pursuing a major in English with concentrations in education and Nordic studies. Fun fact: Laila spent six months living in Oslo and

attended the Oslo International Summer School, and a semester long Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs program.



Erin Futterer is attending the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester and studying for her Doctor of Medical Arts in horn performance and ethnomusicology. **Fun fact:** Erin is writing a biography

on Norwegian horn player Frøydis Ree Wekre.



Colin Connors is a Ph.D student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Scandinavian studies-folklore. **Fun fact:** Colin received an "eTexts: Adopt, Remix, Create" award from the UW

Libraries and Department of Information Technology to develop interactive electronic texts for teaching the Old Norse sagas to university students.



Anna Gibson is pursuing a master's degree in sustainable agriculture from Hedmark University College in southern Norway. Fun fact: Anna is interested in the global food challenge of dou-

bling food production in the next 50 years.



Christina Melander is a master's student at the University of Minnesota studying social work.
Fun fact: Christina is interested in issues related to human rights, affordable housing and domestic

violence and would like to do advocacy work.



Phillipp Gollner is a Ph.D candidate at Notre Dame studying history. Fun fact: In the future, he would like to complete a book focusing on Norwegian-American history, religion and migration.

Norwegian Recipient



Alexander Kolbu is a visiting graduate student at Columbia University studying applied economics and finance at Copenhagen Business School.
Fun fact: Alexander was born and raised in Oslo. In

2003, he lived in Virginia as a high school exchange student.

Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Fund

Dr. Myrtle Beinhauer and Astrid G. Cates remembered Sons of Norway youth with special bequests through their estates to the Foundation.

Astrid G. Cates Recipients



Hanna Hindt is a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in psychology and Spanish. Fun fact: Hanna is planning to study abroad in Spain and wants to be a clinical

psychologist working with people who have eating disorders.



Lauren Kuhn is a second year student at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She wants to travel to Norway in the near future and embark on dental mission trips around the world.

Fun fact: Lauren is the reigning Miss Massachusetts.



Kirstin Fawcettgraduated from St. Olaf
College in Northfield,
Minn., with a B.A. in
English in 2009 and
received a graduate
degree from Northwestern
University's School of

Journalism in 2013. She is finishing a six-month position at Smithsonian Magazine. **Fun fact:** Kirstin was recently a Fulbright Student Program finalist for Norway, where she proposed to shadow a mental health research clinic to learn of Norway's cutting-edge research in psychological disorders.



Connor Rood is a freshman at the Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Mich. Fun fact: Connor was a distinguished academic

leader, member of the National Honor Society and team football leader in high school.



Abigail Strand is a freshman at Colorado State University. Fun fact: Abigail was a dance instructor at Camp Troll Fjell, District 6 Language/Heritage Camp in Alta, Calif.



Bjorn Strand is a freshman at North Dakota State University studying computer engineering. **Fun fact:** Bjorn speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese and swam in a lake formed by glacier runoff in Norway.

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Myrtle Beinhauer Recipients



Parker Lund is a freshman at the University of Montana, studying pre-pharmacy. Fun fact: Parker was a National Merit Scholar and Eagle Scout Valedictorian. He plans to pursue a

doctorate in pharmacy with a minor in Spanish.



Ellen Ahlness is a senior at Minnesota State University Mankato. She's a double major in international relations and Scandinavian studies. **Fun fact:** Upon graduation, Ellen hopes to do research

in the far north, studying policies among the United States, Russia and Norway. She aspires to become a professor.

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial

Awarded in memory of aerospace engineer and chemist Nancy Lorraine Jensen to young women, ages 17-35, who wish to study physics, chemistry and/or chemical, electrical or mechanical engineering. Scholarships are for 50 percent tuition for one semester.



Fiona Majeau is a senior at Stanford University, pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. Fun fact: She wants to use her engineering degree to work toward environmental sustainability and energy

efficiency.



Danielle Russell is a senior at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., studying chemistry. Fun fact: Danielle has had the opportunity to participate in organic synthesis

research and has created two original organic molecules.



Daisy Bower is a junior at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., where she is pursuing a physics degree in hopes of becoming a mechanical engineer. **Fun fact:** Daisy traveled through Scandinavia in 2009 with

her grandmother, and she's a second-year student on a NASA-sponsored Carthage Microgravity team. For more information on 2014 Foundation scholarship recipients or to access applications, visit sonsofnorway. com/foundation.

Grants to Members, Lodges and Organizations

To support the Foundation's mission to promote Nordic heritage and culture, three grants are offered. The grants support a wide range of activities for Sons of Norway members. To see more information about the 2014 grant recipients, please visit *sonsofnorway. com/foundation*.

LOCAL LODGE PARTNERSHIP

GRANTS award matching funds up to \$1,000 to lodges that promote Nordic heritage within their communities. This year, 15 lodges received a total of \$3,175 through this program. Examples of lodge projects included a Hardanger workshop and Norwegian Constitution Bicentennial dinner.

GENERAL HERITAGE AND CULTURE

GRANTS are given to individuals, groups or organizations, that promote the heritage of either modern or traditional Norway. Twenty-four separate awards were given out this year through the program by the Foundation for a total of \$14,425.

HELPING HANDS TO CHILDREN

GRANT assists lodges in establishing educational/heritage programming for youth. This matching-funds grant program awarded \$4,975 to 14 lodges this year. Projects ranged from adopting schools to a history day competition.

THE SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN

FUND was established in 1997 to provide grants to members who have lost their homes due to a natural disaster such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes or wildfires. Those who donate \$250 or more will receive a special edition medallion with the image of HRM, King Harald V.

Charitable Estate Planning

The Sons of Norway Foundation and Sons of Norway Financial Benefits Counselors have a new offering available to lodges as a member benefit.

The Charitable Estate Planning Seminar, provided in partnership with the American Red Cross, is a presentation giving valuable information on how to address estate planning goals through charitable giving, as well as how to realize specific tax benefits. To schedule this special seminar in your area, please contact **Foundation Director Corrie Maki Knudson** at **foundation@sofn.com** or your local lodge Financial Benefits Counselor.

Grants Celebrating Heritage & Culture

2014 Grant Recipients





















The Importance of *Charitable Giving*

Making charitable gifts at any point throughout the year helps non-profits, churches or foundations that you feel **passionate** about continue to do good work. It's our hope that when you consider making a charitable gift this year, you will think of the **Sons of Norway Foundation** and all its efforts to make the world a **better place** in which to live.

Thanks to the charitable gifts of many Sons of Norway members, like yourself, the Foundation has been able to fulfill its **mission** of awarding scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries, and providing assistance to our members, lodges and their communities. Over the years these gifts have made a significant and meaningful **impact** in the lives of students, lodges and members throughout the organization.

Contributions by Program

We would like to thank the members, lodges, and friends of the Foundation who donated in 2014. You make what we do possible.

Thanks to You Humanitarian \$6,761

General **\$36,902**

Grants **\$17,238**

Scholarships \$198,894

Totaling: \$259,795

Discover the Foundation What Can I Do to Help?

There are a number of ways that you can make a gift to the Sons of Norway Foundation from a one time gift, to a yearly gift, or a gift by will or life insurance. Your gift, in any amount, makes a difference.

- **Hold a Fund-raiser** Get your lodge or community involved in supporting the Sons of Norway Foundation by raising money for a great cause.
- **Give Online -** Visit *www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation* and click 'Donation' in the right-hand menu
- Charitable Giving Make a Gift by Will, Donate Life Insurance or Annuities, Make a Gift of Cash or Appreciated Stock.

For information about making your gift contact Foundation Director, Corrie Maki Knudson - foundation@sofn.com or (800) 945-8851

2014 Financial Report

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The financial information contained in this report is a condensed version of the Fiscal Year 2014 audited financial statements for the Sons of Norway Foundation. A complete set of the audited financial statements is available by contacting the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is primarily an endowment foundation. Grant and scholarship award payouts are based on a percentage of the total assets, not on annual donations. Our commitment is to maintain and grow the charitable assets entrusted to us. Your financial support helps us reach this goal.

Statement of Activities Year Ended 12/31/2014

Revenues

Contributions	\$259,796
Investment Income	\$121,398
Net Capital Gains	\$190,403

Total Revenues	\$571,596
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Deductions

Scholarship & Grant Awards	\$95,723
General & Administration Expenses	\$134,272

Total Deductions	\$229,995
Increase in Net Assets	\$342,000

Net Assets as of 12/31/14	\$6,332,744
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The Sons of Norway Foundation thanks the 2014 donations of \$10 or more from members:

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