



Sons of Norway Foundation
2015 Annual Report



Thank you for your support



Working together to benefit grant and scholarship recipients.

At the Sons of Norway Foundation we are fortunate to have so many of our Sons of Norway members, lodges and friends come together to support things they care about deeply: Nordic values, education and community outreach. We are pleased to report that our grants in 2015 funded

programs that ranged from a Viking ship regatta, to the publishing of immigration stories, to youth days, and to providing lodges with equipment to help sustain their signature events.

We also helped 26 students with their college tuition, ensuring participation in cross-cultural programs at the Oslo International Summer School and opportunities for students from Norway to attend institutions here in the United States. We are proud that our members support these valuable educational experiences for our youth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cindy Olson, long time Foundation Director, for her 12 years of service to our members, recipients and overall Nordic Community. We were fortunate to have Cindy's leadership and wish her well in her retirement.

Stepping into her role, we welcome Corrie Maki Knudson, an experienced development professional who is also familiar with fraternal benefit societies. This transition is happening just as we embark on our 50th anniversary of the Foundation in 2016.

We now offer this annual report to you, the donors who make our work possible.

Tusen takk,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eivind J. Heiberg". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Eivind J. Heiberg
Chief Executive Officer

The Sons of Norway Foundation was established in 1966 to provide funding for research and promotion of Norwegian heritage and culture.

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.

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

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 support our grant & scholarship recipients.

Grant Opportunities

Applications Due Annually in December:

General Heritage & Culture Grants

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

Helping Hands to Children Grants

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

Local Lodge Partnership Grants

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

Applications Accepted on a Rolling Basis:

Helping Hands to Members Grants

Awarded to Sons of Norway members affected by natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes.

Scholarship Opportunities

International:

Douglas Warne - Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship

For qualified applicants to attend educational institutions in Norway.

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.

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.

Lund Fund Scholarship

For accredited study-abroad experiences.

Oslo Summer School Scholarship

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

Domestic:

Astrid Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship

For any post high school study at an accredited school.

Draxten Fund

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

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship

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

Your Donations In Action

2015 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.



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.

Myrtle Beinhauer Recipients



Katelyn Johnson is a junior at the University of North Dakota pursuing a double major in Norwegian and biology with an emphasis in pre-medicine.

Fun fact: While attending the University of Oslo International Summer School last summer, she visited her hometown's sister city of Skien, met some of her relatives in Sigdal and studied on top of the Oslo Opera House.

Myrtle Beinhauer Recipients



Maggie Anderson is a freshman at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisc., with majors in music (cello performance) and biology.

Fun fact: She hopes to become a professional cellist or a scientific researcher.



Melanie Sorman is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a major in geology and a minor in physics.

Fun fact: In the fall of 2016 she plans to study abroad in Scotland while working as a teaching assistant. She is also an active musician and plays in the pit orchestra of several local theater groups.



Leiran Cornish is a junior nursing student at Walla Walla University.

Fun fact: Her future aspirations are to work as a surgical nurse.



Alissa Hansen is a senior at Samuel Merritt University with a major in nursing.

Fun fact: She aspires to be a labor and delivery nurse and a certified nurse midwife.



Jennifer Steiner is a sophomore at Colorado Christian University with a major in business.

Fun fact: She hopes to explore Norway, specifically visiting Sigdestad Farm, where her great-great-grandfather John Sigdestad was raised.



Michael Dangel is a senior at the University of Florida with a major in chemistry.

Fun fact: He hopes to become a physician.



Katie Aanstad is a freshman at Minnesota State University Moorhead, majoring in elementary and early education.

Fun fact: She knew she wanted to be an elementary teacher after working in a laboratory preschool while taking early childhood classes in high school.

KING OLAV V NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND

Promotes cultural exchange between Norway and North America.

Norwegian Recipients



Eli Gauden is a third year student at Berklee College of Music in Boston. She is majoring in professional music with an emphasis on songwriting.

Fun fact: She is very

interested in the traditional music of Norway.



Hans-Petter Grav is a Ph.D. candidate at Washington State University Vancouver in the department of history.

Fun fact: This summer he embarked on a three-

week visit to St. Olaf College to look for connections and contrasts between the Upper Midwest and the Pacific Northwest.



Anna Kvinge is a senior at the University of Minnesota majoring in political science and global studies.

Fun fact: She has held two internships, one with the

Center for Homicide Research and one with the Royal Norwegian Honorary Consulate General Minneapolis.

American Recipients



Anna Gibson is a student at Hedmark University College in the field of applied ecology and agriculture science.

Fun fact: She is currently living in the eastern

region of Norway and plans to gather data on dairy farms across the country.

Carl Graefe is a senior at St. Olaf College with majors in political science and economics, and concentrations in Nordic and Germanic studies.

Fun fact: He is currently vice president of the St. Olaf chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.



Anne Gaspers is a sophomore at St. Olaf College, majoring in economics and Norwegian.

Fun fact: She would like to complete a master's

degree in international business in Norway.



Katherine "Alex" Knutson is a junior at St. Olaf College studying music and mathematics with concentrations in statistics and Nordic studies.

Fun fact: Her desire to

study her Nordic heritage began when she was 12 years old after visiting family on their farm in Norway.

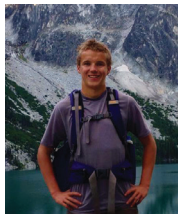


Pauline Allen recently graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College with an AA in environmental studies, and this fall is attending Rønningen Folkehøgskole.

Fun fact: Her interests include playing the trumpet, sailing, traveling, sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation.

HELEN TRONVOLD FOLK HIGH SCHOOL

Helen Tronvold left funds by a bequest to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Up to three scholarships are available annually for American Sons of Norway students to attend the Norwegian specialty Folk High Schools for a year of concentrated studies.



Rhys McKinstry is attending Høgtun Folkehøgskole until May 2016. He will be majoring in outdoor life and minoring in Norwegian language and culture.

After his year in Norway, he plans to enroll in Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Fun fact: He will be joining his fellow Norwegian students on a three-week trip to Kenya this November.



Afton Weaver will be attending Høgtun Folkehøgskole to study art and Norwegian language and culture.

Fun fact: She enjoys painting, drawing and outdoor activities.



Sarah Taylor is attending Borgund Folkehøgskole in Ålesund, Norway. In the fall of 2016 she will be a freshman at Luther College.

Fun fact: As a freshman in high school, her father received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Norway, during which she had a valuable experience learning about Norway and the rest of the world.

LUND FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2010 to honor former Sons of Norway CEO John Lund and former Foundation legal counsel Allan Lund, two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded in 2015 to American students studying abroad.



Jessica Kahler is a senior at the University of Washington with a double major in Scandinavian studies and psychology.

Fun fact: Next year, she hopes to return to the University of Oslo to pursue a graduate degree in Norwegian criminology.



Nora Uhrich is a senior at St. Olaf College studying psychology, religion and Norwegian.

Fun fact: This summer, Nora was a Peace Scholar in Norway and studied at the University of Oslo International Summer School. She visited many museums dedicated to peace research and met the Norwegian politician Jan Egeland.

To make a donation to support our college scholarship recipients
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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.

Rebecca Uttormark is attending Kalamazoo College, majoring in chemistry and mathematics.

Fun fact: She hopes to use her degree in the fields of environmental sustainability and green energy initiatives.

DOUGLAS WARNE/ROLF & WENCHE ENG SCHOLARSHIP

Offered for the first time in 2015. Douglas Warne makes this opportunity available for Sons of Norway or Rotary connected students who choose to study in Norway in post high school settings. It honors his experience as a young man at the Oslo International Summer School which changed his life. It also celebrates his friendship with the Eng family made possible through Rotary.



Johanna Weissing is a senior at University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Scandinavian studies.

Fun fact: She plans to spend the last semester of her undergraduate career studying at Telemark University College in Bø, Norway.

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."

Anja-Kajsa Ask is studying at the University of Washington and works in the teen department at the YMCA.

Fun fact: She enjoys spending her days learning about Scandinavian history, culture and language.

Kate Fitzgerald studied Norwegian Welfare State and Norwegian Life and Society. She will continue her studies at the University of North Dakota in pre-med and Norwegian.

Fun fact: She spent four years on the UND Division 1 women's swimming and diving team, and five summers studying Norwegian at Concordia's Language Village, Skogfjorden.

For more information on how to access applications, visit sonsofnorway.com/foundation.

Grant Making by Program

We would like to thank the members, lodges, and friends of the Foundation who donated in 2015. You make what we do possible.

*Thanks
to You*

**Heritage and Culture & Local
Lodge Partnership Grants**
\$18,755

**Helping Hands to Children
Grants**
\$4,920

**College and Cross-Cultural
Exchange Scholarships**
\$46,482

Heritage Camperships
\$10,046

***Totaling:* \$80,223**

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

For more information about including the Foundation in your philanthropic plans, contact the Director at foundation@sofn.com or 800-945-8851 today!

2015 Financial Report

Sons of Norway Foundation

The financial information contained in this report is a condensed version of the Fiscal Year 2015 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 12/31/2015

Revenues

Contributions	\$105,375
Investment Income	\$114,971
Net Capital Gains (Losses)	(\$178,208)

Total Revenues	\$42,138
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Deductions

Scholarship & Grant Awards	\$80,348
General & Administration Expenses	\$165,439

Total Deductions	\$245,787
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(\$203,649)

Net Assets as of 12/31/15	\$6,129,095
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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.

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The Sons of Norway Foundation awards scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway, and provides assistance to our members, lodges and their communities.

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