

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

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.

Eligibility

American citizens who have applied to are enrolled in a 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.

Criteria

A short autobiography, 150 words or less

An essay of 500 words or less

Two letters of recommendation

For students without parents: We require one recommendation letter verify your situation, on institutional letterhead from either:

- your high-school guidance counselor, or
- an official office of your college (such as the financial aid or bursar's office).

Application Process

Applications are only accepted via our online portal at www.sofn.com/scholarships

Award Selection

Final selection of the scholarship winner 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 Bernt Anker Scholarship typically awards three students a \$3,000 scholarship every year for four consecutive years for a total of up to \$12,000 for each scholarship recipient. One new recipient will be selected each year. Renewal of the scholarship will be dependent on follow-up communications with the Sons of Norway Foundation Director.

Scholarship Notification and Payment

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

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.sofn.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 MARCH 1, 2021.

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