

Our Mission

The mission of the Sons of Norway Foundation is to celebrate Nordic culture and heritage through scholarships and grants to our members and communities.

Overview

This scholarship is endowed and funded through the generosity of Sons of Norway District IV to support members of the District in their educational or training endeavors.

Award Amount

Each scholarship may be awarded **up to** \$1,000.

Eligibility

- **Deadline** - submission of the completed application and all required elements is **February 15th**
- **Country of Study** – United States, Canada, or Norway
- **Age** – 18 and older
- **College Credit Needed** – No
- **Level of Study** – Technical/Vocational, Undergraduate, Folk High School
- **Field of Study** - Any
- **SON Membership Requirement** – Current members of Sons of Norway District IV with membership in effect at least one calendar year prior to application.
- **Length of Award** – 1 Year
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States or Canada

*Note – The Sons of Norway 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.
 - What you hope to achieve in your life through your future career.
 - Explain any involvement in volunteer, school and/or community activities and what that involvement has taught you.
- Academic potential: Upload your latest completed term's 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 tuition at your institution in your online application.
- THREE letters of recommendation that address the applicant's character and abilities.
 - One from a leader from the applicant's Sons of Norway lodge
 - One from a member of the applicant's school personnel

- One from a member of the applicant's community

Application Process

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

Award Selection

Final selection of the scholarship winners will be made by a scholarship committee appointed by District IV, Sons of Norway. 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.

Scholarship Notification and Payment

Notification of an award will be made by email or 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. If awarded, the recipient will be required to complete information including his or her student ID number for the institution and a current mailing address.

Recipient Requirements

Scholarship recipients are expected to grant permission to use their photo and name in *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.

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