



# King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship

## 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

King Olav V of Norway gave his permission to the Sons of Norway Foundation to use his name in establishing a fund to be known as the “King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Fund.”

Its purpose is to fund activities in which the American and Norwegian heritages are explored, studied and shared by qualified scholarship recipients.

## Award Amount

Multiple scholarships are awarded annually for **up to** \$3,000 each.

## Eligibility

- **Deadline** - submission of the completed application and all required elements is **January 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Country of Study** – United States or Norway
- **Age** – 17 or older
- **College Credit Needed** – No
- **Proof of Enrollment** – Required; American undergraduate or graduate students must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited educational institution in Norway or a Scandinavian Studies program in the United States. Norwegian undergraduate or graduate students must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited educational institution in the United States.
- **Level of Study** – Undergraduate, Graduate
- **Field of Study** – Scandinavian Studies in the United States or a program in Norway
- **SON Membership Requirement** – None
- **Length of Award** – 1 year
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States
- **Other** – American applicants must have a keen and sincere interest in Norwegian heritage and Norwegian applicants must have a demonstrated interest in American heritage.

\*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.



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- Explain why you have chosen your area of study and what you hope to achieve through your career.
- Share any involvement in volunteer, school and/or community activities and what that involvement has taught you.
- State how your program/course of study or future plans align with at least one of the following core values of the Foundation:
  1. Building Nordic culture and heritage for the future
  2. Committing to life-long learning and service
  3. Demonstrating compassion for our members in need
  4. Sustaining the link to contemporary Norway
  5. Fostering a community of generosity
- Explain how this scholarship will help you further the study of your heritage at your chosen institution.
- State how you will share this experience with the Sons of Norway or wider Norwegian-American audiences.
- 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 post-secondary education in the application.
- Two letters of recommendation that address the applicant's character and abilities.

## Application Process

Applications are only accepted via our online portal at  
[www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/](http://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/)

## Award Selection

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. 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.



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## 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](http://www.sofn.com/foundation) for the most current information.

## Questions

Questions may be directed to the Foundation at [scholarship@sofn.com](mailto:scholarship@sofn.com).

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