

## 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

The Sons of Norway International Board of Directors established the Lund Fund of the Sons of Norway Foundation in 2010 as a tribute to former Chief Executive Officer, John Lund and former Legal Counsel of Sons of Norway, Allan Lund, for their combined forty years of outstanding service and dedication.

The Lund families have chosen to use this scholarship fund for study abroad experiences through accredited, post high school, educational institutions. No preference shall be given based on the country selected for the study abroad experience. Special consideration shall be given to military veterans.

“We of Norwegian heritage value education. Travel and cross-cultural learning has been integral to Norway since Viking times. In our modern era we see the importance of living and studying in a foreign country as an opportunity to meet and understand peoples of different cultures that provides benefit throughout a student’s life.” - John Lund

## Award Amount

The monetary award for this scholarship is **up to** \$2,500.

## Eligibility

- **Deadline** - submission of the completed application and all required elements is **January 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Country of Study** – Any
- **Age** – 17 or older
- **College Credit Needed** – No
- **Proof of Enrollment** – Required; has applied or enrolled in a recognized educational institution abroad or a study abroad program facilitated by an accredited college or university in the United States.
- **Level of Study** – Undergraduate or Folk High School
- **Field of Study** – Any
- **SON Membership Requirement** – Applicants who are current members of Sons of Norway or children or grandchildren of a current member with membership in effect at least one calendar year prior to application. If applying under a parent or grandparent, must be under the age of 26.
- **Length of Award** – 1 year
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States
- **Other** – Can demonstrate a keen interest in a post high school study abroad experience.

\*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.
  - Explain why you have chosen your area of study or training and what you hope to achieve in your life through your future 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
  - Describe your involvement in Sons of Norway and how it has shaped who you are today.
  - Explain how you will share this experience with Sons of Norway or wider 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/training in the online 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. 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](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.**