

## 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 Foundation provides up to two scholarships to Oslo International Summer School annually. The Foundation's general fund supports this scholarship through donations from our generous members, lodges and friends.

## 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 15th**
- **Country of Study** – Norway
- **Age** – Candidates must be between the ages of 17-26
- **College Credit Needed** – None
- **Proof of Enrollment** – Required prior to final awards
- **Level of Study** – Oslo International Summer School
- **Field of Study** – Any at Oslo International Summer School
- **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
- **Length of Award** – 1 term
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States, Canada, or Norway

\*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 cross-cultural goals.
  - » Explain 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 the Sons of Norway and how it has shaped who you are today.
- » State how you will share this experience with the 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 Oslo International Summer School in your online application.
- Letters of Recommendation:
  - » Two letters of recommendation that address your character and abilities.

## **Application Process**

Applications are only accepted via our online portal at <https://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, inclusion of information outlined in the essay requirements listed above and financial need.

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 asked 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, <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/> 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.***