

## 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 District Six Education Scholarship Fund was established to assist the youth of District Six in their educational pursuits of college, university or technical school degrees. The district wishes to honor and encourage the students of District Six.

## Award Amount

The monetary award for this scholarship is **up to \$1,500**.

## Eligibility

- **Deadline** – Submission of the completed application and all required elements is **February 15th**
- **Country of Study** – Any
- **Age** – Candidates must be between the ages of 16-23
- **College Credit Needed** – 1 semester or 1 quarter
- **Proof of Enrollment** – None
- **Level of Study** – Undergraduate, Technical, or Vocational
- **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 year prior to application
- **Length of Award** – 1 year
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States

\*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:
  - » Share how your involvement in District Six Sons of Norway has made an impact on your life
  - » Share why you have chosen your area of study and what you hope to achieve in your field
  - » Explain any involvement in volunteer, school, and/or community activities and what that involvement has taught you
  - » State how your education plan aligns 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

- Share how your Nordic heritage has influenced your life
- Explain how you will share this experience with the Sons of Norway community 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.*
- 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 academic institution listed on the application and mailed to the academic institution. 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.***