

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

Bernt Anker, Sons of Norway member since 2005, feels deeply that college students without parents should have the same opportunity and support as students who come from a two-parent household. It is thanks to Mr. Anker's generosity that this **four-year scholarship** is possible.

Award Amount

This generous scholarship awards **up to \$3,000 per year for up to four consecutive years for a total of up to \$12,000 for each scholarship recipient**

Eligibility

- **Deadline** – Submission of the completed application and all required elements is **January 15th**
- **Country of Study** – United States
- **Age** – Candidates must be between the ages of 18-25
- **College Credit Needed** – None
- **Proof of Enrollment** – Must have certificate of completion from high school or be about to graduate high school
- **Level of Study** – Undergraduate, Technical/Vocational
- **Field of Study** – Any
- **SON Membership Requirement** – None
- **Length of Award** – 4 years
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States
- **Other** – Preference will be given to students without parents or to students raised by single parents

*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
- Two letters of recommendation
- For students without parents: We require one recommendation letter to verify your situation, on institutional letterhead from either:
 - » Your high-school guidance counselor, or
 - » An official office of your college (such as the financial aid or bursar's office).

Application Process

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

Award Selection

Final selection of the scholarship winner 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.

Award Amount

The Bernt Anker Scholarship typically awards three students a \$3,000 scholarship every year for four consecutive years for a total of **up to** \$12,000 for each scholarship recipient. One new recipient will be selected each year. Renewal of the scholarship will be dependent on follow-up communications with the Sons of Norway Foundation Director.

Scholarship Notification and Payment

Notification of an award will be made by phone within 14 weeks of the application deadline.

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