



Desert Fjord Lodge Agnes Stieler Education Fund

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 Desert Fjord Lodge Agnes Stieler Education Fund is established by Desert Fjord Lodge, 6-133, in Arizona, who received a generous bequest from the estate of former lodge member Agnes Stieler. It is the desire of Desert Fjord to honor Ms. Stieler's wishes through an endowed fund through Sons of Norway Foundation. Today, lodge members help to steward this scholarship to honor Ms. Stieler and their Desert Fjord lodge community.

Award Amount

The monetary award for this scholarship is **up to \$2,000**.

Eligibility

- **Deadline** – Submission of the completed application and all required elements is **January 15th**
- **Country of Study** – United States
- **Age** – 17 and older
- **College Credit Needed** – None
- **Level of Study** – Undergraduate
- **Field of Study** – Any
- **SON Membership Requirement** – Applicants who are current members of Sons of Norway's Desert Fjord Lodge 6-133 in Arizona, or children or grandchildren of a current member, with at least one year of membership prior to the date of application
- **Length of Award** – 1 year
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States or Norway

*Note – The Sons of Norway Foundation does not provide financial assistance for current or previous academic years room & board, travel, etc.

Criteria

- Applicant must be enrolled or accepted in an accredited four-year college or university.
- Each application must include:
 - » A short autobiography and essay according to the Sons of Norway Foundation guidelines.
 - » Two letters of recommendation which speak to the applicant's character.
 - » An explanation of how the applicant will share their scholarship experience at a local Sons of Norway lodge event.

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.

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