

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.

Grant Background

The Helping Hands to Children Grant supports lodge member activities in local schools and other venues. Grants are made from the Sons of Norway Foundation's Humanitarian Fund, established in 1997. We gratefully acknowledge the patronage of HRM, King Harald V of Norway, for being instrumental in its original funding.

Maximum Award

The maximum award is **\$1,500**.

Eligible Applicants

Helping Hands to Children Grants are only available to Sons of Norway Lodges. All lodges in the Canada, Norway and the United States are eligible to apply.

Eligible Projects

The Helping Hands to Children Grant will provide matching funds to be used to establish educational programming and/or mentoring for children. Examples of eligible projects are: Adopt-A-School, Barnas Norsk Klubb, children's heritage programming, books for reading programs, school equipment, mentoring services, supplies and other special programs for children.

Timeline

Applications must be for programs or projects that take place between January 2026 – March 2027.

Applications

All applications for Helping Hands for Children Grants must be written in English and be submitted online at our website, www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation/grants. Paper applications will NOT be accepted.

Each application must include:

- A narrative statement of 500 words or less that summarizes the importance of the project,
- A completed budget that states the exact dollar amount requested,
- The contact information of the person making the request,
- The name of the lodge president and treasurer and their contact information.

Award Selection

Winners are selected through a review committee appointed by the Sons of Norway Foundation. Award decisions are based upon observance of one or more of the Sons of Norway Foundation's core values and how the proposed program or project will promote Norwegian culture. The Foundation's core values are: (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.

Grant Timeline

To be considered for the 2025-26 grant season, all Helping Hands to Children Grant applications must be submitted online by December 15, 2025.

Notifications of awards will be made in Spring of 2026.

Payment to award recipients will be made in late Spring of 2026.

Award Notification and Payment

Notification of a grant award will come via e-mail to the individual who applied for the grant, the Lodge President and the Lodge Treasurer.

Payment for the grant will be mailed to the Lodge Treasurer. It is greatly appreciated if you notify the Foundation when you receive the payment.

Recipient Requirements

The Sons of Norway Foundation requires that a simple report be completed so we may gather information regarding the effectiveness of our grant program. To find this report, log back into your account and it will appear as a “follow-up” assignment. You must log back into your account to complete the report by December 31, 2026 to be eligible for future funding. If your program/project is to take place in January-March of 2027, please provide a progress update within the requested report.

Questions

Questions may be directed to the Foundation at grants@sofn.com.

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