SONS of NORWAY FOUNDATION

King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship

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

King Olav V of Norway gave his permission to the Sons of Norway Foundation to use his name in establishing a fund to be known as the "King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Fund." Its purpose is to fund activities in which the American and Norwegian heritages are explored, studied and shared by qualified scholarship recipients.

Award Amount

The monetary award for this scholarship is **up to $3,000.**

Eligibility

- **Deadline –** Submission of the completed application and all required elements due by **January 15th**
- **Age –** 18 or older
- **College Credit Needed –** None
- **SON Membership Requirement –** None
- **Length of Award –** 1 year
- Requirements dependent on citizenship:

	American Citizens	**Norwegian Citizens**
Country of Study	Either pursue Norwegian Studies in the US, or study in Norway in any field of study	United States
Proof of Enrollment	American undergraduate or graduate students must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited educational institution in Norway or a Scandinavian Studies program in the United States.	Students must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited educational institution in the United States
Field of Study	If studying in the US, field of study must be Scandinavian Studies. If studying in Norway, any field of study is acceptable.	Any field of study is acceptable.
Level of Study	Undergraduate, Graduate or Folk School	Undergraduate or Graduate
Award Amount	Up to $3,000	Up to $3,000
Other	Have a keen and sincere interest in Norwegian heritage and culture	Have a keen and sincere interest in American heritage and culture

*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 of up to 150 words.
- An essay of 500 words or less addressing each of the following key points:
  - » Explain why you have chosen your area of study and what you hope to achieve through your career.
  - » Share 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
  - » Explain how this scholarship will help you further the study of your heritage at your chosen institution.
  - » State how you will share this experience with the Sons of Norway or wider Norwegian-American 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 a Sons of Norway lodge meeting or event to explain how this scholarship helps them achieve their educational goals. The presentation will be verified with lodge officers once it has been given in person or virtually.

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.