SONS of NORWAY FOUNDATION

Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant

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 Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant is funded through the Heritage and Culture Fund which was established in 1987. This fund was initially supported by Her Majesty Queen Sonja of Norway who lent her name to an early fund-raising effort. The Crown Princess Sonja pendant was issued in sterling silver and gold and was awarded to individuals or lodges who support this fund according to certain specifications. The number of grants awarded from this fund has increased through the years due to the continued support of our generous members and friends.

Maximum Award

The maximum award is **$1,500**. However, the average award is **$500-$750.**

Eligible Applicants

Lodge Culture and Heritage 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

Projects that promote and preserve the culture and heritage of Norway are eligible. Examples of previously funded projects are cultural classes or presentations, documentation of local cultural history, hosting of visiting performing groups, etc.

Timeline

Applications must be for programs or projects that take place between January 2027 – March 2028.

Aplications

All applications for Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant 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 2026-27 grant season, all Community Partnership Grant applications must be submitted online by 11:59pm PT, December 15, 2026.

Notifications of awards will be made in Spring of 2027.

Payment to award recipients will be made in late Spring 2027.

Award Notification and Payment

Notification of a grant award will come via email 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, 2027 to be eligible for future funding. If your program/project is to take place in January-March of 2028, 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.