



**SONS of
NORWAY**
FOUNDATION



Pictured: Casey Hagen,
Sons of Norway Foundation
scholarship recipient,
cross-country skiing

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Sons of Norway Foundation Board of Governors, I am pleased to share this Annual Report and reflect on a year marked by generosity, dedication, and community impact.

The Foundation's work is made possible by people who believe in investing in others. Through scholarships, grants, and humanitarian assistance, we help create opportunities for learning, cultural engagement, and community support. Every contribution—whether large or small—helps advance our mission and extend our reach.

One of the most inspiring aspects of our work is witnessing the creativity and enthusiasm of Sons of Norway members and lodges as they raise funds to support the Foundation. Across North America, lodges hosted fundraisers of many different kinds, bringing members and communities together while making a meaningful difference. Columbia Lodge in Vancouver, Washington, organized a fundraiser at their local Red Robin restaurant. District 5 brought participants together with fun and engaging games that raised funds for Foundation and camp programs. Polar Star Lodge hosted a highly successful Sloopers Weekend and generously contributed \$1,000 to support the Foundation's work. These efforts reflect the spirit of volunteerism and community that continues to strengthen our organization.

Because of the generosity of donors, lodges, districts, and supporters, students were able to pursue educational goals, organizations expanded cultural programming, and communities received assistance when it was needed most. The stories highlighted throughout this report demonstrate the positive impact we can achieve when we work together.

As stewards of the Foundation, the Board of Governors remains committed to managing Sons of Norway Foundation resources responsibly and ensuring that gifts entrusted to us create lasting benefits for future generations. We are grateful for the confidence you place in the Foundation and for your partnership in this important work.

On behalf of the Board, thank you to our donors, volunteers, members, staff, and supporters. Your generosity, commitment, and passion make our mission possible. We look forward to continuing this work together and creating even greater opportunities in the years ahead.

With sincere gratitude,



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2025 Financial Report

The financial information contained in this report is a condensed version of the fiscal year 2025 audited financial statements for the Sons of Norway Foundation.

A complete set of all audited financial statements is available by contacting the Sons of Norway Foundation.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is primarily an endowment foundation. Grant and scholarship payouts are based on a percentage of the total assets that are determined by the Board of Governors. Our commitment is to maintain and grow the charitable assets entrusted to us in a fiscally responsible way. Your financial support helps us achieve this goal to maximize the impact we make.

Statement of Activities – Year Ended 12/31/2025

Revenues

Contributions	\$295,683
Investment interest & dividends	\$360,042
Net capital gains (losses)	\$990,157
Change in value of charitable remainder trust	\$103,595

Total revenues and other support	\$1,749,477
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Deductions

Scholarship and grant awards	\$284,908
General administration expenses	\$373,839
Miscellaneous loss	\$13,949

Total deductions	\$672,696
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Net income in 2025	\$1,076,781
Net fund value as of 12/31/2025	\$13,486,639

SEIZING THE MOMENT WITH GRATITUDE

That is exactly what one
anonymous donor did.

While visiting Minneapolis, one Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship alumnus found himself reflecting on a transformative experience from decades ago: studying at the Oslo International Summer School as a recipient of the King Olav V Scholarship. That summer in Norway left a lasting impression, helping to shape his perspective, educational journey, and ultimately a successful career and family life.

Inspired by gratitude for the opportunity he received, he decided to pay it forward. Together with his spouse, he made a generous gift to the King Olav V Scholarship Fund to help future students experience the same life-changing opportunity to study abroad.

Their generosity did not stop there. Through the spouse's workplace giving program, their contribution was amplified, tripling the impact of their original gift.

What began as a moment of reflection became an investment in future generations, ensuring that more students can broaden their horizons, build meaningful connections, and create memories that last a lifetime.



ASPELUND LODGE 4-571 CELEBRATES 200 YEARS OF NORWEGIAN EMIGRATION

In 2025, communities across North America commemorated the 200th anniversary of organized Norwegian emigration, honoring the courage and determination of those who crossed the Atlantic in search of new opportunities. With support from a Sons of Norway Foundation grant, Aspelund Lodge 4-571 joined this historic celebration through a special program exploring the lasting legacy of Norwegian immigration.

The grant helped launch the lodge's Scandinavian Culture Weekend with a presentation by Professor Ingrid Urberg, whose engaging program examined the experiences of early Norwegian immigrants and their influence on North American communities over the past two centuries. By collaborating with other organizations marking the bicentennial, the lodge

was able to share expenses and bring a respected scholar to the region, expanding the reach and impact of the event.

Open to both lodge members and the broader community, the presentation drew nearly 70 attendees eager to learn more about this important milestone in Norwegian and North American history. Participants gathered to reflect on the journeys, sacrifices, and contributions of the first immigrants while gaining a deeper understanding of how their stories continue to shape communities today.

Through the support of the Sons of Norway Foundation, Aspelund Lodge created a meaningful opportunity to commemorate the bicentennial and connect people with the enduring legacy of Norwegian emigration.



Community Partnership Grant

Video resources from the Crossings and Connections Conference held at St. Olaf College, June 2025.

The Norwegian American Historical Association received a Sons of Norway Foundation grant to record 13 conference presentations held at St. Olaf College in June 2025. Organizers had the foresight to know it would be valuable to capture the conference speakers for future uses at lodge meetings or even personal enrichment at home. The content is appropriate for middle- and high-school students as well.

Based on number of views, the most popular videos were about Native American and Norwegian history.

Website: Norwegian American Historical Association - Crossings and Connections Conference 2025

FROM MINNESOTA TO NORWAY AND BEYOND

For Casey Hagen, a Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship opened doors to transformative educational and cultural experiences that will shape his future for years to come.

This spring, Casey graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with double majors in Finance and Risk Management and a minor in Data Science. Reflecting on his college years, he credits the opportunities, friendships, and challenges he encountered with helping him develop both personally and professionally.

A highlight of Casey's undergraduate experience was studying abroad at BI Norwegian Business School in Oslo. The opportunity allowed him to deepen his connection to Norway while exploring the place his ancestors once called home. During his time abroad, Casey connected with extended family members, traveled throughout the country, and immersed himself in Norwegian culture. An avid skier, he even completed the 53-kilometer Birkebeinerrennet race.

"The whole experience of living abroad taught me so much about other cultures and people," Casey shared.

Inspired by the connections he built in Norway, Casey has continued to foster international friendships and cultural exchange at home. Following graduation, he traveled through South Korea and Japan before beginning his career as a Technology Consultant in Chicago.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is proud to support students like Casey whose educational journeys strengthen cultural understanding, personal growth, and global connections.





**SONS of
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INSPIRING A LEGACY OF PHILANTHROPY IN THE NORDIC COMMUNITY

**Sons of Norway Foundation
impacts in 2025:**

\$15,000

in camperships for youth to attend
Norwegian cultural camps across
the U.S.

\$121,220

in cultural and humanitarian grants
to assist our lodges, districts and
communities

\$148,688

in scholarships to students
continuing their educational journey

That's \$284,908

making an impact for our
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communities!



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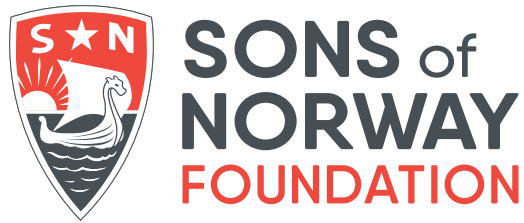
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