



# SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

## King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Fund

*"We award scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway, and provide assistance to our members, lodges and their communities."*

—Sons of Norway Foundation Mission Statement

**Celebrating culture. Expanding horizons.**



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. Over \$200,000 has been raised by selling medallions and securing gifts from Sons of Norway members.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any American, 18 years of age or older, who has demonstrated a keen and sincere interest in the Norwegian heritage and/or any Norwegian, 18 years of age or older, who has demonstrated an interest in American heritage, and who now desires to further the study of their heritages at a recognized educational institution (arts, crafts, literature, history, music, folk-lore, etc.) is eligible to apply for a scholarship. **Please note:** The King Olav V Norwegian American Heritage Fund receives a large number of applications and only those which fulfill the above eligibility requirements will go to the scholarship committee for consideration.

### DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications must be post-marked no later than March 1st each year **(Please mail all required items in one envelope. Incomplete applications will not be considered)**. Sons of Norway Foundation does not accept applications via fax.

### HOW ARE THE WINNERS SELECTED?

Final selection of the scholarship winners will be made by a scholarship committee appointed by the President of the Sons of Norway Foundation. Award decisions are based upon the criteria listed below. Notification of the award will be made within 10 weeks of deadline. The key criteria for selection are:

### CRITERIA

- Grade-point Average/Academic Potential
- Statement of education and career goals
- Benefit to Sons of Norway and wider Norwegian/American Community
- Involvement in school and community activities
- Financial Need
- Other

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Applicants must submit an application form (available from [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com) or Sons of Norway Foundation, Attn: King Olav Fund, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408-2666). Also send an essay, setting forth in 500 words or less, their reasons for applying for a scholarship/grant, the course of study to be pursued, the length of the course, the name of the institution which the applicant will attend and its tuition and costs, and the amount of financial assistance desired.

Applicants should also state how their course of study will benefit their community and be in accord with the goals and objectives of the Sons of Norway Foundation:

- Promote Improved International Relationships
- Provide People-to-People Enrichment Programs
- Promote Culture Exchange
- Promote Humanitarian Causes

Three letters of recommendation - in sealed envelopes - describing the character and abilities of the applicant, must accompany each application. Finally, applicants must submit an "official copy" of their latest high school or college grade transcript

### APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO:

Sons of Norway Foundation  
Attn: King Olav Scholarship  
1455 West Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55408-2666

You may e-mail questions to [foundation@sofn.com](mailto:foundation@sofn.com) prior to submission.

### HOW MUCH IS THE AWARD?

The Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarship Committee will determine each year the number of scholarship/grants to be awarded. The range is typically \$1,000 – \$1,500. A student may be awarded a maximum of two scholarships within a five-year period.

### WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS IF I AM AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT?

Except as described, no obligations of any kind are imposed upon you as a scholarship holder, and no obligation or liability is assumed by the Sons of Norway Foundation in connection with any scholarships. However, a written report with photos upon completion of the study is welcome.

### HOW ARE THE AWARDS PAID?

Checks will be made payable jointly to you and your school and must be endorsed by both.

### REVISION POLICY

The general conditions and procedures under which scholarship/grant awards are made may be reviewed periodically by the Sons of Norway Foundation. Applicant eligibility may be modified at the sole discretion of Sons of Norway Foundation. However, any previously-approved scholarship/grant award will not be affected by new conditions or procedures. In cases where a student has secured application materials early, it is recommended that the student check [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com) in November prior to submission, making certain that no revisions have been made which will affect the upcoming grant period.



14. Are you currently a candidate for any degree?  Yes  No (If Yes, please specify.)  
Degree/Diploma Institution/Location Year Major

15. Have you previously been awarded a King Olav V Scholarship?  No  Yes, year \_\_\_\_\_

16. Please name the program/institution you will use this grant to attend.

(Include description of course of study, dates and school's website address.)

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17. Please list any honors or awards you have received:

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18. Please list any memberships or affiliations in professional, fraternal, civic, community or social organizations and any work experiences: (INCLUDE ANY OFFICES HELD, VOLUNTEER WORK)

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19. Please attach a three-part essay on a separate sheet, of 500 words or less, describing:

- 1) Your interest in Norwegian-American heritage (RELATE TO PERSONAL GOALS, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY OR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, CAREER GOALS).
- 2) Describe how your experience would benefit the community and is in accord with Sons of Norway Foundation objectives. (SEE PAGE 1 FOR LIST OF OBJECTIVES)
- 3) State how the program of study to be funded relates to career goals.

20. Indicate the amount of funding requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial need must be stated:                      Cost of Program:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
   Ability to Pay:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
   Gap to be made up:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# CHECKLIST

**Deadline For Application: March 1st of each year**

- Application form completed and signed
- Official grade transcript
- 3 Letters of recommendation (in sealed envelopes by the reference source)
- ACT/SAT official transcripts if undergraduate student. Not necessary for MBA students.
- A recent photo (headshot) no smaller than 3" X 5"

Date\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_

*A brief written report, with photos of your experiences is welcome.*

## MAIL TO:

SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION  
ATTN: KING OLAV V NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND  
1455 WEST LAKE STREET  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55408-2666

## **Application Deadline: Postmarked by March 1.**

If you have any questions please e-mail before submission to [foundation@sofn.com](mailto:foundation@sofn.com)

**PLEASE INCLUDE ALL ITEMS REQUIRED IN ONE ENVELOPE.**

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