



# Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng 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

The Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship creates an opportunity for qualified applicants to attend educational institutions in Norway and assists with the costs of tuition, room and board.

This scholarship is endowed and funded by Douglas Warne in honor and remembrance of his experiences at the University of Oslo, International Summer School and the friendship and assistance provided by the Rotary and the Rolf and Wenche Eng family during that school year and subsequent visits to Norway. Both affected his choices in life and in his profession. In 2018, Mr. Warne marked being active in his local Scandinavian Community for more than 55 years. He is past president of the Norwegian Commercial Club, president of the Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001 of Sons of Norway, secretary of the Leif Erikson Recreation Board and an alumnus of the Sons of Norway Foundation Board of Governors.

## Award Amount

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

## Eligibility

- **Deadline** – Submission of the completed application and all required elements is **January 15th**
- **Country of Study** – Norway
- **Age** – Any
- **College Credit Needed** – One full year
- **Proof of Enrollment** – Will need latest completed term's transcripts
- **Level of Study** – Folk High School, Oslo International Summer School, or Undergraduate
- **Field of Study** – Any
- **SON Membership Requirement** – Current American or Canadian Sons of Norway members or their children or grandchildren with membership in effect for at least one year prior to application. If applying under a parent or grandparent, must be under the age of 26. Those students without family members in Sons of Norway may select an advocate or representative to sponsor their application
- **Length of Award** – 1 year
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States or Canada

\*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, 150 words or less.
- An essay of 500 words or less addressing each of the following key points:
  - » Describe how this scholarship will help you further your career goals.
  - » Share why you have chosen your area of study or training and what you hope to achieve in your

life through your future career.

- » Explain 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
- » Describe your involvement in Sons of Norway and how it has shaped who you are today.
- » Explain how you will share this experience with Sons of Norway or wider audiences.

**OR**

- » State how your course of study will be in accordance with the Sons of Norway Foundation mission and core values.
- » Describe any involvement in Sons of Norway, if applicable, and how it has shaped who you are today.
- » Explain how you will share this experience with Sons of Norway after you return.
- Academic potential: Upload your latest completed term's transcripts. *Please note, "official" transcripts may be required once an applicant is tentatively selected.*
- Financial need: Be prepared to include the amount you are able to pay for tuition at your institution in your online application.
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - » Letters should testify to the applicant's good character, educational interests and/or job-related skills.
  - » If the applicant or the applicant's parent or grandparent is not a member of Sons of Norway member, then one of the letters should be from a sponsor in Sons of Norway.

## **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 District 4, Sons of Norway. Scoring is dependent on the use of complete sentences, proper grammar, and inclusion of information outlined in the essay requirements listed above.

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 their Sons of Norway lodge or one close to them to explain how this scholarship is helping them achieve their educational dreams. We will provide you with a form for a lodge officer to sign after your presentation.

## **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](mailto:scholarship@sofn.com).

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