

## 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

Nordkap Lodge 3-215 was founded in 1921 in Baltimore, Maryland. Over the next 100 years the lodge grew as members gave their time, talents, and financial support. In 1963, Nordkap Lodge purchased land near Freeland, Maryland, built a lodge and other amenities and named it “Norse Park.” Lodge members enjoyed several decades of activities at Norse Park until it was sold. Nordkap Lodge leaves an inspiring philanthropic tradition with the creation of this scholarship primarily through the proceeds from Norse Park and the time and talent contributed by lodge members over the years.

## Award Amount

The monetary award for this scholarship is **up to \$2,000**.

## Eligibility

- **Deadline** – Submission of the completed application and all required elements is **February 15th**
- **Country of Study** – United States
- **Age** – Candidates must be 17 or older
- **College Credit Needed** – None
- **Proof of Enrollment** – None
- **Level of Study** – Undergraduate, Graduate
- **Field of Study** – Open to all, but preference for those pursuing degrees in the medical field
- **SON Membership Requirement** – Applicants who are current members of Sons of Norway or children or grandchildren of a current member with at least one year prior to the date of the scholarship application. Or if no one in the above category applies, the applicant must show their actual lineage to Norwegian ancestors (ancestry supported by only DNA evidence is not sufficient)
- **Length of Award** – 1 year
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States

\*Note – The Sons of Norway Foundation does not provide financial assistance for current or previous academic years room & board, travel, etc.

## Criteria

- Applicant must be enrolled or accepted in an accredited: four-year college or university, an associate’s program, or a graduate program in the United States.
- Each application must include:
  - » A short autobiography and essay according to the Sons of Norway Foundation guidelines
  - » Two letters of recommendation which speak to the applicant’s character
  - » An explanation of how the applicant will share their scholarship experience at a local Sons of Norway lodge event

## **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 institution listed on the application and mailed to the scholarship recipient. 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.***