



Orel & Marie Winjum Memorial 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 Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship was created to assist with college tuition costs for American citizens of Norwegian and/or German heritage. This scholarship is given in honor of Orel and Marie Winjum by their children, all of whom earned a college degree—some early in life and some later. Marie finished her college degree after all their children were grown.

Orel and Marie Winjum believed that education is important. They also believed that those who gain the knowledge and critical thinking that a college education can bestow will find their lives truly enriched, and that they will enrich the lives of all with whom they come in contact.

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
- **Field of Study** – Any
- **SON Membership Requirement** – None
- **Length of Award** – 1 year
- **Applicant Citizenship** – United States
- **Other** – Open to applicants with Norwegian and/or German heritage, must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher

*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 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
- » Share how your Norwegian and/or German heritage has influenced your life.
- » Explain how you will share this experience with the Sons of Norway or wider audiences.
- 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 post-secondary education/training in the online application.
- Letters of Recommendation:
 - » Two letters of recommendation that address your character and abilities.
 - » One letter must address the influence your Norwegian and/or German heritage has had on your life.

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.

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