

## THE SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA: SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, AND GRANTS

THE GENERAL FUND provides for scholarships for post-secondary studies, grants for Oslo International Summer School students and for cultural and recreational activities sponsored by Canadian Lodges. We also offer financial assistance to Lodges starting a Junior Lodge or an orienteering program.

THE TORMOD REKDAL GRANT provides financial assistance to persons taking courses in cultural activities who will pass their skills on to others.

THE FOLKEHØGSKOLE BURSARY provides financial assistance for successful applicants for Folkehøgskole in Norway.

THE LYSNE ROSEMALING BURSARY is specifically aimed at those wanting to learn or upgrade their Rosemaling skills. And willing to teach others what they have learned.

THE BJARNE & KAREL THORSHAUG BURSARY FOR NORWEGIAN STUDIES is for post-secondary Canadian students taking courses in various Norwegian studies at Canadian institutions.

THE HUMANITARIAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM provides financial assistance to people suffering losses to their homes, inventory, and property by catastrophic events.

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THE SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA was formed in 1971. It is a charitable corporation guided by the rules and principles set out by Revenue Canada.

The main objectives are:

- To provide scholarships and promote cultural exchanges.
- To promote Norwegian heritage activities and learning opportunities.
- To support humanitarian causes.

THE SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA is considered an integral function of Sons of Norway. In the more than forty years of operation we have not changed our focus and continue to provide a valuable service to our members and the community at large.



## SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA



**THE SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA'S** growth continues although slowly. Our general and named funds now stand at more than \$550,000. All of which is invested in low risk and therefore low yield investment certificates. We continue to receive direct, memorial, and pass-through donations.

Contributions are accepted from individuals, Sons of Norway Lodges, corporations, and other organizations interested in supporting our goals and objectives. Contributions are tax deductible for Canadian residents.

An individual who contributes \$100 to the FOUNDATION will receive a Bronze Pin, contributions of \$500 a Silver Pin, \$1000 a Gold Pin, \$2000 a Platinum Pin and \$5000 a Platinum Plus Pin, these donations can be cumulative.

A Founder's Award plaque is given each year to the Lodge with the highest per member contribution.

Annual grants & donations for the year ending Dec. 31/16 was just over \$30,000. We provide ten to twelve scholarships of \$800 each annually. The scholarship program for post-secondary education continues to be the single largest annual expenditure.

We usually receive two or three applications per year from students who will be attending Folkehøgskole or Oslo International Summer School in Norway, they can receive a maximum of \$750.00 each depending on the number of applicants.

Thanks to the late Bjarne Thorshaug we were able to establish the post-secondary scholarship THE BJARNE & KAREL THORSHAUG BURSARY FOR NORWEGIAN STUDIES.

We also provide grants for District 4 (Zone 4) and District 7 Heritage and Culture camps, sports events, and Ski for Light Canada.

Cultural grant applications from Lodges and individuals are dealt with on an individual basis.

A Sons of Norway Lodge, or an affiliate organization can obtain voting membership after having made contributions of \$1000 or more to the FOUNDATION.

All members of Sons of Norway in Canada are non-voting members of our Foundation.

Our seven-member Board, are elected (on even years) at the Annual Meeting in September. Each elected term is four years and no salary is paid to any Board member.

For more information and application forms for the various scholarships and grants visit our website at: <http://www.sonfic.ca> When your applications have been completed forward them to the address provided on the form.

### **LEAVING A LEGACY**

Making a bequest is a personal decision and will ensure that the SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA can continue to support the various programs for succeeding generations.