

# SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA



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Greetings fellow Foundation Members!

The Foundation received 16 Post-Secondary awards applications, no Apprenticeship application and one application for the Bjarne and Karel Thorshaug Norwegian Studies Bursary. We did receive one application for the Oslo International Summer School Bursary.

Following approval by the Board of Directors of the ranking of the applicants, we will notify the students as well as release the list of those receiving funding from the Foundation for 2024. We wish all the applicants a very successful academic year and look forward to hearing from the recipients as to their progress over the next school year. Please encourage your high school grads to go to the [sonfic.ca](http://sonfic.ca) website as they might qualify to apply next year.

Each Sons of Norway member and/or Lodge can assist in raising funds to support student awards or other grants supported by the Foundation. I encourage my family and friends to honour a loved one's passing with an immemorial gift to the Foundation. These gifts will provide the donor a tax receipt and if the donor sends the name and address of a member of that family to the Foundation Treasurer, we can advise them of your gift received in the name of their loved one.

October is "Foundation Month" and a great opportunity for our lodges to plan an event to raise funds for the Foundation. There are lots of ideas that do not take too much planning but get results: offer classes, with a portion of the registration fee for the Foundation, in areas that share our heritage such as woodcarving, rosemaling or language lessons; host an event such as a dinner, a workshop, a lecture on a specific Norwegian aspect; hold an auction type fundraiser like a silent auction, a white elephant sale or a raffle; a book sale; an entry fee into a Game Night that could include outdoor games like bocce or pickleball, or, indoor board and card games. The list is endless – you just need to begin planning. Remember that many of these fundraisers could be offered to your community, not just to our members.

Fraternally,  
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