



# SONS OF NORWAY - DISTRICT TWO

Washington - Oregon - Alaska - Idaho

Greetings all -

As you know, October is Foundation Month for Sons of Norway. The news release from HQ, below, will give you a little more insight into foundation efforts. We are right in the thick of our annual fundraising just now and could really use your help to meet our goals. The district just committed to a nice donation and I am hoping that by sharing this news release with the individual members of your lodge you will be able to encourage them to take part in this great cause as well. Please take the message to your lodge board and membership meetings and secure a donation from the lodge as well. I cannot overly stress how important the foundation is to the Sons of Norway mission. Giving back to our members and communities is a key effort for our district, our lodges and especially those members that benefit from your generosity through receiving scholarships and grants.

Thanks in advance for your generosity toward this great cause and your efforts in helping to promote the foundation.

Mark A.

P.S. – I just received a piece of really positive news to share that you may not have heard yet. In response to increasing costs, the Helping Hands for Children grant award is now *up to* \$1,500. In addition, both the Helping Hands for Medical Relief and Helping Hands for Disaster Relief are *up to* \$5,000. For further information, click on the Foundation tab in the SON website -Mark

**News release from SON HQ in Minneapolis:**

At the [Sons of Norway Foundation](#), our mission is “**to celebrate Nordic culture and heritage through scholarships and grants to our members and communities.**” [The 2024 “Together We Are the Future” fund raising campaign](#) will run from October (Foundation Month) through January 15, 2025. **Our goal is to raise \$150,000.**

Our first “Together” campaign was in 2019, and in just four years, our members, lodges and districts have donated over \$615,000 to the Foundation! Here's the growth we have experienced:

- o **In 2021, the Foundation provided: 29 scholarships for \$111,799 and 28 grants for \$38,958**
- o **In 2024, the Foundation provided: 33 scholarships for \$147,820 and 55 grants for \$134,853**

While we can talk about numbers all day, the impact of your donations is what is most important:

- Scholarship recipients not only have their financial burdens eased, but they also enjoy life-changing experiences in Norway and around the world;
- Members who receive grants from the Humanitarian Fund receive critical support following natural disasters and medical crises;
- Grant recipients are able to share their culture and heritage through engaging events and programs and, in turn, recruit new members and create friends and community recognition.
- You have an opportunity to be a part of this exciting campaign and ensure that we can continue to support your lodge and community and provide educational opportunities for members, their children and grandchildren.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, which means your donation is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

For your donation convenience you will have received a Foundation envelope in the September/October issue of the VikingMagazine. In addition to the envelope, here are additional ways you can donate:

- With a credit card at [sofn.com/foundation/donate/](https://sofn.com/foundation/donate/)
- As a distribution from assets, like an IRA or Donor Advised Fund (DAF)
- Donation of stocks, to avoid capital gains
- Contact information:
  - o 612-821-4655
  - o [Foundation@sofn.com](mailto:Foundation@sofn.com)
  - o 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Your check must be made out to the **Sons of Norway Foundation** in order to be tax deductible!!! (This is a legal requirement)

We hope that you will join us in this mission. Remember, **“Together We Are The Future.”**