

1. 2026 Synnøve-Nordkap Postsecondary Scholarship Application

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge offers scholarships for post-secondary education (4 year, 2 year or vocational training) to active Lodge or Junior Lodge members or the children or grandchildren of active Lodge members. The number of scholarships to be awarded as well as the amount of the award will depend upon the number of highly qualified applications received, as well as the state of the Lodge's budget. Past grants have ranged from \$500-\$1500 with the possibility of renewal for those in good academic standing. The Lodge reserves the right to award no scholarships.

Applicants may be either current postsecondary students or high school students intending to pursue post-secondary education in the 2026-2027 school year. Preference will be given to those who have been active Junior Lodge and/or Lodge members. Previous recipients of this scholarship may apply again.

Applications must be mailed to Lodge Scholarship Coordinator Jill Hanson and postmarked by March 15th. Completed applications will be initially reviewed and, if selected for further consideration, the candidates may be asked to interview with the selection committee in May, either by telephone or remotely. Candidate(s) who are selected for scholarships will be notified shortly after that. Any scholarship awarded comes with the expectation of either service to the Lodge and/or a contribution at a Lodge meeting or program, with the minimum being a short talk about what has been done with the scholarship received. In addition, the Lodge would like scholarship winners to be present at its picnic in June 2026 to receive the award formally and in person if possible. The Lodge dispenses monies directly to your institution second semester upon receipt of the successful completion of the first semester by supplying your grade report to the scholarship chair - Jill Hanson at jillhanson65@gmail.com.

Application Directions

1. A completed application packet consists of:
 - a. The completed application form
 - b. A short essay addressing the following theme:

How has your Norwegian heritage influenced you or your future goals?

The essay should be two pages typed and double-spaced.

c. An official transcript.

d. One letter of recommendation supporting your application for this scholarship. The letter should be from someone other than a family member and should address your personal and academic qualifications as a candidate. If possible, the letter should also speak about your contributions to the Lodge and/or Junior Lodge. Previous recipients of scholarships should provide new letters of recommendation.

2. Please email all components of the application packet to:
jillhanson65@gmail.com.

Completed applications must be received by March 18, 2026 in order to be reviewed.

3. Only complete application packets will be reviewed.

4. If you have questions about this application, please contact Jill Hanson, Lodge Scholarship Coordinator jillhanson65@gmail.com

2. Synnøve-Nordkap College Scholarship Application Form

Personal Profile

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Affiliated Lodge

Member(s) _____

High School you attend/attended _____

Postsecondary Institution you plan to attend or are attending

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

- 1) **Describe your involvement in the Lodge or Junior Lodge:** For how many years have you been a member of the Lodge and/or Junior Lodge? In what ways have you participated in Lodge or Junior Lodge activities? Have you done volunteer service? Have you ever attended a Norwegian language or cultural skills camp? If yes, which ones and for how many years?

- 2) **Parental involvement in the Lodge:** For how many years have one or both parents been members of a Sons of Norway Lodge? How do they participate in Lodge activities? Have they ever served as an officer of the Lodge? If so, for which office and for how long?

- 3) **Grandparent involvement in the Lodge:** For how many years have any of your grandparents been members of a Sons of Norway Lodge? How do they participate in Lodge activities? Have they ever served as an officer of the Lodge? If so, for which office and for how long?

4) **High school or postsecondary academic performance and activities:** For your current school situation, briefly describe your studies and your performance in them. Have you received any awards in academics or other areas? Are you involved in any extracurricular activities at school, such as sports, the arts, or clubs? Please describe your activities outside of school, such as employment, community service and volunteer experiences, church activities, sports, musical activities, and hobbies.

5) **Briefly describe your anticipated career goals.**