



# *POLAR STAR LODGE* *SONS of NORWAY*

## **2010 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND OTHER INFORMATION**

For 2010, Polar Star Lodge is offering three \$350 educational scholarships. Recipients must meet the General and Specific Criteria for these scholarships. The scholarships are intended to be used for tuition, fees, books and related expenses. Each year, the award amount is dependent upon available funds for that year. There is no guarantee of scholarships being awarded in a particular year.

Applicants for scholarships awarded through Polar Star Lodge must meet the criteria below.

### **GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

- Be a member, a daughter or son of a member, or a relative of a member of Polar Star Lodge for at least 6 months
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Be officially admitted or returning to a college, university, or technical school
- Enroll in a minimum of six(6) credit hours each semester
- Submit official transcript from previously attended institution
- Only one scholarship awarded per family in any calendar year
- Not eligible to receive an award two consecutive years

### **SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

- Attend or planning to attend a college, university, or technical school
- Be in good standing at that institution
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or above
- Submit two references covering academic, extra-curricular, leadership, personality and character
- Write a short paragraph on "What My Norwegian Heritage or the Norwegian Culture Means to Me"
- Contribute to Polar Star Lodge enrichment (for example, a short presentation about your studies or Norwegian culture/history, help with a lodge fundraiser, youth program idea suggestions)

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

#### **Preferences for awarding scholarships**

Scholarships will be awarded in consideration of the following priority:

- Pursuing Scandinavian studies (for example, language camps, formal classes, college studies in Scandinavia)
- Be a member of Polar Star Lodge
- Be a daughter or son of a member of Polar Star Lodge
- Be a grandchild of a member of Polar Star Lodge
- Be a relative of a member of Polar Star Lodge

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Applications are due by September 1, 2010 and must be complete in order to be considered
- All applicants will be informed of their status by the selection chair by October 1, 2010.
- A check will be sent to the winner(s).
- Winners are expected to report to the Lodge at the end of the academic year on their progress during the preceding term(s). This may be in writing or presented at a Lodge meeting, at the recipient's option.