

***POLAR STAR LODGE
SONS of NORWAY***

2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be a current 12th grade student, high school graduate, or continuing college, university, or technical school student, and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. The applicant must either show proof of acceptance to a college, university, or technical school, or the ability to continue if already attending. In addition, the applicant must meet the General and Specific Scholarship Criteria.

The application, GPA (official high school or college transcript), college acceptance proof, and references must be received by September 1, 2011 to be considered.

Send to: Scholarships OR Scholarships
 Karen Oswald Ray Nerhus
 1860 Fair Oak Road 2004 Audubon Ave., Apt. 114
 Naperville, IL 60565 Naperville, IL, 60563
Or e-mail to: ahlsen@aol.com ronerhus@sbcglobal.net

Applicant should have references mailed or e-mailed to one of the above addresses.

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____
PHONE _____ **e-mail** _____

If you are not a Polar Star Lodge member, name of the relative who is currently a member:

School of acceptance: _____

Briefly tell us what your Norwegian Heritage or the Norwegian Culture means to you:

Please describe how you plan to contribute to Polar Star Lodge (see Specific Scholarship Criteria):

Applicant Signature and Date:

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2011 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND OTHER INFORMATION

For 2011, Polar Star Lodge is offering one \$350 educational scholarship. 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, 2011 and must be complete in order to be considered
- All applicants will be informed of their status by the selection chair by October 1, 2011.
- 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.