

SASKATOON NORWEGIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

P.O. Box 703, Saskatoon Saskatchewan S7K 3L7

INFORMATION and CRITERIA CONCERNING ACADEMIC and/or TRAVEL BURSARIES

The Saskatoon Norwegian Cultural Society (SNCS) has established a Scholarship Trust Fund for the purpose of extending knowledge and understanding of the Norwegian culture. The interest from the Scholarship Trust Fund will be used to provide financial assistance to those persons wishing to extend their knowledge of Norwegian culture, either in Norway or in North America, through academic pursuits. The bursary shall be applied towards academic studies or travel for studies related to Norwegian culture. **and development thereof.**

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE BURSARY

The purpose of the Bursary is to provide financial assistance for eligible programs to active SNCS members who wish to increase their knowledge of the Norwegian culture, either in North America or in Norway. Eligible programs are those that enhance the knowledge and understanding of Norwegian culture defined as: the language, literature and history, music and song, folk dancing, and arts and crafts, which are native to Norway.

AVAILABLE BURSARIES

Subject to funding limitations and at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, bursaries are available in the following amounts to successful applicants:

Travel Bursary: Up to \$500.00, depending on program and actual cost of travel
Academic Bursary: Up to \$500.00 for programs less than 14 weeks in duration, depending on the cost of the program
Up to \$1000.00 for programs greater than 14 weeks in duration, payable in two installments, depending on the cost of the program

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee is composed of two Board members and three members-at-large of the SNCS. The Scholarship Committee is responsible for the review and update of the SNCS Scholarship Trust Fund Agreement, policies and application processes, all of which may be amended from time to time by Board of Directors motion.

The Scholarship Committee shall determine the eligible study opportunities that are in compliance with the aim and purpose of the Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Committee shall consider all applications for the Bursary, and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors with regard to final approval of successful applicants.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The interest from the Scholarship Fund shall be available to successful applicants from within the current membership of the SNCS and their immediate families, and who have been members for a continuous period of at least 4 months. Immediate family includes any children under the age of 21 years, who are resident in the parent member home.

An applicant may be awarded a travel bursary or an academic bursary, but not **necessarily** both in the same year. Applicants may apply for both, and will be considered for both, but may only be awarded one if successful.

Successful applicants may not apply for the same bursary as was previously awarded. A successful applicant for an academic bursary cannot reapply for an academic bursary, but may do so for a travel bursary.

There is no age limit for recipients, but the applicant and proposed program of study must meet all eligibility criteria.

Unsuccessful applicants are eligible to reapply.

APPLICATION FORMS

All applicants will be required to submit completed application forms by the required deadline(s).

AWARD CRITERIA

Proof of acceptance at the academic program or other documentation may be requested.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that, upon completion of course of study for which Scholarship funding has been made available, the recipient will use his/her knowledge to help further the Norwegian culture. This will be a prime consideration in the determination of the success of an application for a Bursary. The recipient will be required to make his/her knowledge and acquired skills available to the SNCS at a mutually agreeable time and manner. The recipient will be required to submit a minimum one page written report to the SNCS for publishing in the Society newsletter. For longer programs, a mid-study update will also be required.

NON-COMPLETION OF COURSE OF STUDY

For programs not started: If the successful recipient does not begin their course of study, they will be required to repay the academic or travel bursary to the SNCS.

For programs started: For recipients of up to \$1000.00 academic bursaries, the second installment of the bursary will not be paid if the recipient discontinues their studies prior to release of the installment. For travel bursaries and up to \$500.00 academic bursaries, the recipient may be requested to reimburse some portion of the bursary to the SNCS.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

- Applications for Bursary funding shall be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee, c/o Saskatoon Norwegian Cultural Society Inc., P.O. Box 703, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 3L7.
- Completed formal Application forms shall be submitted by **April 1st** of each year, for consideration for programs commencing in August or later of that year.
- Applications for seminars, work shops, and other related educational opportunities will be considered as they are received by the Scholarship Committee.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application no later than **June 1st** of the year of application.

BURSARY RECEIPT

Successful applicants will receive their academic bursary on submittal of acceptance from the program institution. For courses longer than 14 weeks, **the bursary will be divided into two installments, with the first awarded when eligible and the second awarded prior to the mid-point of the program of study.**

Travel bursaries will be forwarded upon confirmation of travel arrangements.

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ACADEMIC OR TRAVEL BURSARY – APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant _____
Address of Applicant _____

Telephone / Contact Information _____

SNCS Membership identification/time period of membership _____

How have you participated in SNCS activities in the past? _____

References (for applicants under the age of 25) – Please attach two letters of reference.

BURSARY INFORMATION

Type of bursary sought _____

Amount of bursary sought _____

Is this your first application? YES NO Please circle one

If NO, when did you apply? _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Type of program _____

Name and Address of Institution _____

Please enclose a copy of the institution's specific program information.

How is it relevant to Norwegian culture and knowledge? _____

How do you anticipate that your gained cultural experience will be shared with the SNCS?

PROGRAM COST

What is the anticipated cost of the program of study? Identify the cost categories.

What is the anticipated cost of travel for the program of study? Identify the cost categories.

Are you applying for other grants and bursaries from other institutions? _____

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications are due by April 1st of each year. Notification will be given by June 1st of each year.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Application forms and supporting documents should be forwarded to:
Saskatoon Norwegian Cultural Society Inc., P.O. Box 703, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3L7,
Attention: Scholarship Committee

APPLICANT CONFIRMATION

I confirm that I have read the application information and criteria, enclosed all relevant information, and completed the application forms as requested.

Date of Application _____ Applicant's Signature _____