



# Helping Hands to Children Grant

## Our Mission

The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live.

## Grant Background

The Helping Hands to Children Grant supports lodge member activities in local schools and other venues. The Sons of Norway Humanitarian Fund, that funds these grants, was established in 1997. We gratefully acknowledge the patronage of HRM, King Harald V of Norway, for being instrumental in its original funding.

## Eligible Applicants

Helping Hands to Children Grants are only available to Sons of Norway Lodges. All lodges in the Canada, Norway and the United States are eligible to apply.

## Eligible Projects

The Helping Hands to Children Grant will provide matching funds to be used to establish educational programming and/or mentoring for children. Examples of eligible projects are: Adopt-A-School, Barnas Norsk Klubb, children's heritage programming, books for reading programs, school equipment, mentoring services, supplies and other special programs for children.

Applications must be for programs or projects that take place between January 2019 – March 2020.

## Maximum Award

The maximum award is \$500.00.

## Applications

All applications for Helping Hands for Children Grants must be written in English and be submitted online at our website, [www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation/grants](http://www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation/grants).

Each application must include:

- a narrative statement of 500 words or less that summarizes the importance of the project,
- a completed budget that states the exact dollar amount requested,
- the contact information of the person making the request,
- the name of the lodge president and treasurer and their contact information.



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## Award Selection

Winners are selected through a review committee appointed by the Sons of Norway Foundation. Award decisions are based upon observance of one or more of the Sons of Norway Foundation's core values and how the proposed program or project will promote Norwegian culture. The Foundation's core values are: (1) building the heritage of the future; (2) sustaining the link to contemporary Norway; (3) committing to life-long learning and service; (4) preserving compassion for those in need; (5) funding innovative individuals and opportunities and (6) Fostering a cohesive community of generosity.

## Grant timeline

To be considered for the 2019 grant season, all Helping Hands to Children Grant applications must be submitted online by December 31, 2018.

Notifications of awards will be made in March of 2019.

Payment to award recipients will be made in late March or early April of 2019.

## Award Notification and Payment

Notification of a grant award will come via e-mail to the individual who applied for the grant, the Lodge President and the Lodge Treasurer.

Payment for the grant will be mailed to the Lodge Treasurer. It is greatly appreciated if you notify the Foundation when you receive the payment.

## Recipient Requirements

The Sons of Norway Foundation requires that a simple report be completed so we may gather information regarding the effectiveness of our grant program. This report is available at [www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation](http://www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation) and will also be attached to an award notification e-mail.

Eligibility for future grants may be affected if a report is not submitted.

## Questions

Questions may be directed to the Foundation at [grants@sofn.com](mailto:grants@sofn.com).

**Thank you for your interest in applying for a Sons of Norway Foundation grant.**