

WOMEN WHO SWIM AGAINST THE CURRENT

Lakselaget Foundation Scholarship Fund

The Lakselaget Scholarship Fund was established to celebrate, encourage and advance the organization's motto, "***women who swim against the current.***" Its goal is to promote international connections between Norway and the United States, and to offer recipients an opportunity to learn, teach and share knowledge that will benefit women in their complex roles in today's society. Applicants from Minnesota should have a long-term interest in contemporary Norway and all things Norwegian, and some other area including, but not limited to, the sciences, technology, business, politics, language and culture, and seek to enhance and share their knowledge in the future. The scholarship is also available for Norwegian women who want to attend a college or university in Minnesota or the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Financial assistance is available to undergraduate and graduate students at an accredited college or university in Minnesota or in Norway.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP: Starting at \$1,000

The scholarship check will be made payable jointly to the student and the educational institution.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

1. Females, who are;
2. American or Norwegian citizens; and
3. Minnesotans currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited American college or university wishing to study in Norway; or
4. Norwegians, currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited Norwegian college or university, wishing to study at a Minnesota college or university or at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.
5. We especially encourage students pursuing fields where women are underrepresented, such as biotechnology, mathematics, and the sciences to apply, however, students pursuing all other areas of study are also welcome to apply.
6. Applicants must be either a full-time undergraduate student who has completed at least one year or a full-time graduate student.
7. American students should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, Norwegians the equivalent.

HOW TO APPLY:

Download the application form from **www.lakselaget.org** under the 'Foundation' tab. Please assemble your application in the order listed below and include all of the items in one envelope or in one e-mail (if you choose this method, send your recommendation letters separately via U.S. Mail or the Norwegian Postal System). When submitting your application, please include:

- A. A copy of an official transcript from all undergraduate colleges and/or universities attended;
- B. Two letters of recommendation substantiating your interest in Norway or the United States. Please ask the individuals, who are writing your letters of recommendation, to sign the letter, place it in an envelope, close the envelope, and sign over the seal on the backside of the envelope. Please include the recommendation letters with all of the other application materials when you mail in your application or send them separately via U.S. Mail or the Norwegian Postal System if you submit your application via e-mail to the Foundation Director.
- C. Up to a 1,000 word essay which clearly describes why studying in Norway or the United States America is important to you, what you expect to contribute in the future, your ideas for sharing knowledge internationally, and how your studies will uphold Lakselaget's motto, "Women who swim against the current".

D. A statement explaining how you meet the eligibility requirements described above.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

To be eligible, your application must be postmarked by U.S. Mail or by the Norwegian Postal System or sent by e-mail and confirmed received no later than **March 1, 2012**. If you anticipate that your application will arrive by mail after March 1, 2012, please send an e-mail to the Foundation Director, Karin Holt, at: scholarships@lakselaget.org and inform her that your application is in the mail. Similarly, if you would like to know whether your application was received, please e-mail the Foundation Director at the e-mail address listed above and she will provide a confirmation of receipt.

APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO:

Karin Holt
Foundation Director
5600 Camerata Way # 410
St. Louis Park, MN 55416
USA

OBLIGATIONS AFTER FINISHING YOUR STUDY ABROAD:

Lakselaget asks that you give a short oral presentation to its members at one of its monthly meetings. Lakselaget meets for luncheons on the first Saturday of the month from October through May.

LAKSELAGET SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of applicant _____

Mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Major or proposed project title: _____

Year in college _____

Institution you will be attending and current status [accepted, applied for admission, etc. (if you have applied for admission, please provide a copy of the letter showing you're acceptance or your anticipated notification date)] _____

Length of the program _____

If applicable, what level Norwegian or English classes will you study: _____

Please list any memberships or affiliations in academic, professional, civic, community or social organizations:

For Americans, please comment on your Norwegian language competency and the Norwegian language courses you have attended, if any. It is also recommended that you include a letter from someone who can attest to your ability. Proficiency is **not required** but an interest in learning the language is advantageous.
