

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, 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. Women.
2. Minnesotans enrolled in undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited college or university and wishing to study in Norway.
3. Norwegian citizens, attending 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.
4. We encourage students pursuing non-traditional women's studies such as biotechnology, mathematics, and the sciences to apply, however, students pursuing all other areas of study are also welcome to apply.
5. Applicants must be either a full-time undergraduate student who has completed at least one year or a full-time graduate student.
6. American students should have a GPA of 3.0 or better, Norwegians the equivalent.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicant may download the application form from www.lakselaget.org under the 'Foundation' tab. When submitting your application, please include:

- An official transcript from all undergraduate colleges and/or universities attended;
- Two letters of recommendation substantiating your interest in Norway or the United States;
- A letter from someone who can assess your Norwegian language skills, if applicable; and
- A 500 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".

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The application must be received by U.S. Mail or E-mail by **April 15th, 2009**. If you would like to know whether your application was received, please e-mail Jane Laurence at: scholarships@lakselaget.org.

APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO:

Jane Laurence, Foundation Director
1529 Sheldon Street, St. Paul, MN 55108 USA

or E-mail to: scholarships@lakselaget.org

OBLIGATIONS AFTER FINISHING YOUR STUDY ABROAD:

Lakselaget asks that you give a short oral presentation to its members at its May or October meeting, whichever is closest and most convenient for you toward the end of your term. 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 _____

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. *Note – proficiency is not required but an interest in learning the language is advantageous.*

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