



## Synnøve-Nordkapp College Scholarship Application 2009

Synnøve-Nordkapp Lodge is again offering \$500 college scholarships to active Lodge or Junior Lodge members or the children or grandchildren of active Lodge members. The number of scholarships to be awarded will depend upon the number of highly qualified applications received as well as the state of the Lodge's budget. Although the Lodge reserves the right to award no scholarships, *this year's process is likely to be highly competitive.*

Applicants may be either college students or high school students who are entering college in Fall 2009 pursuing any course of study. Preference, though, will be given to those who have been active Junior Lodge and/or Lodge members themselves. Previous recipients of this scholarship may apply again.

Applications will be mailed to Lodge Scholarship Chair, Clay Keller, and **must be postmarked by April 6, 2009**. Completed applications will be initially reviewed and, if selected for further consideration, the candidates will be asked by April 17 to interview—either in person or by telephone—with members of the Lodge Board prior to its Board meeting on May 5. Candidate(s) who are selected for scholarships will be notified shortly thereafter. Any scholarship awarded comes with the expectation of either service to the Lodge and/or a contribution at a Lodge meeting or program, with the minimum being a short talk about what has been done with the scholarship received.

### Application Directions

1. A completed application packet consists of:
  - a. The application form.
  - b. A short essay. Candidates who have not yet received a Synnøve-Nordkapp College Scholarship are to address the following theme:

The Mission of Synnøve-Nordkapp is to promote, preserve and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members. Why would or how could the awarding of a Synnøve-Nordkapp College Scholarship to you support this mission?

Candidates who have previously received a Lodge College Scholarship will write on this topic:

The Mission of Synnøve-Nordkapp is to promote, preserve and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other

Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members. What have you done during the past year as a Synnøve-Nordkap College Scholarship recipient to support this mission? Also, please describe how you have met the scholarship's expectation of either providing service to the Lodge and/or contributing at a Lodge meeting or program during the past year.

The essay should be one to two pages, word-processed and single-spaced, in length. Essays that contain spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors will negatively affect the evaluation of your application.

- c. An official high school--for applicants about to enter college--or college--for those currently in college--transcript complete to the time of application.
  - d. One letter of recommendation supporting your application for this scholarship. The letter should be from someone other than a family member and should address your personal and academic qualifications as a candidate. If possible, the letter should also speak about your contributions to the Lodge and/or Junior Lodge. Previous recipients of scholarships should provide new letters of recommendation.
2. Collect all components of the application packet and mail them together to:

Clay Keller  
655 Goodrich Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105

Completed applications must be postmarked by April 6, 2009 in order to be reviewed.

3. Only completed application packets will be reviewed. The quality of the applicant is a necessary condition for awarding a scholarship. Preference will be given to candidates who have been active Junior Lodge and/or Lodge members themselves.
4. If you have questions about this application, please contact Clay Keller, Lodge Scholarship Chair (651 310 9667; keller.clay@gmail.com).

# Synnøve-Nordkap College Scholarship Application Form

## Personal Profile

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparents' Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School you are attending or did attend \_\_\_\_\_

College/University you plan to attend or are attending \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated College Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your involvement in the Lodge or Junior Lodge:** For how many years have you been a member of the Lodge and/or Junior Lodge? In what ways have you participated in Lodge or Junior Lodge activities? Have you volunteered service? Have you ever attended a Norwegian language or cultural skills camp? If yes, which ones and for how many years?

**Parental involvement in the Lodge:** For how many years have your one or both parents been members of a Sons of Norway Lodge? How do they participate in Lodge activities? Have they ever served as an officer of the Lodge? If so, for which office and for how long?

**Grandparent involvement in the Lodge:** For how many years have any of your grandparents been members of a Sons of Norway Lodge? How do they participate in Lodge activities? Have they ever served as an officer of the Lodge? If so, for which office and for how long?

**High school or college academic performance and activities:** For your current school situation, briefly describe your studies and your performance in them. Have you received any awards in academics or other areas? Are you involved in any extra-curricular activities at school, such as sports, the arts, or clubs?

**Activities Outside of School:** Please describe your activities outside of school, such as employment, community service and volunteer experiences, church activities, sports, musical activities, and hobbies.

**Career goal:** Briefly describe your anticipated career goals for after graduation from college.