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Mariel Blomstrand Awarded Sons of Norway Foundation's Oslo International Summer School Scholarship

Minneapolis, June 26, 2007— Mariel Blomstrand of Shoreview, MN, has been awarded the Oslo International Summer School Scholarship by the Sons of Norway Foundation, given to Sons of Norway members and their families.

Blomstrand will be a junior at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities this fall, majoring in psychology with a minor in Norwegian. She decided to apply for the Oslo International Summer School scholarship because of friends who had participated in the summer school last year and because she wanted to further her proficiency in Norwegian through complete immersion. Blomstrand and her family are also a members of Synnove Nordkap Lodge 1-008 in St. Paul, MN.

Sons of Norway Foundation Director Cindy Olson said “The Sons of Norway Foundation has proudly awarded educational scholarships since 1966. The Oslo International Summer School offers American scholars the opportunity to learn, first hand, about their Norwegian heritage and Norwegian scholars the opportunity to learn about American culture.

The scholarship to Oslo International Summer School embodies all three by bringing students from over 90 countries together to study and learn from and about each other. We are proud to announce Mariel Blomstrand as one of our 2007 scholars.”

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The Sons of Norway Foundation's scholarship is designed to support students who attend Oslo International Summer School. There are two scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each. Applicants who are admitted to Oslo International Summer School, and who are Sons of Norway members or children or grandchildren of current members, are eligible

The Sons of Norway Foundation celebrates culture and expands the horizons of our members by awarding scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway, and provides assistance to our members, lodges and their communities. Since 1966 we have awarded over 2,000 scholarships and more than 400 grants totaling over \$1 million. For more information on this scholarship and the Sons of Norway Foundation, visit <http://www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation>.

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