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Kristin Flessland Awarded the Sons of Norway Foundation's King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarship

Minneapolis, June 26, 2007 – Kristin Flessland of Hutchinson, MN, was awarded a Sons of Norway Foundation King Olav V Norwegian-American Scholarship, given to students with a plan of study focusing on Norwegian heritage or modern Norway at an institution of higher learning.

Flessland is going to be a junior next year at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. She is currently majoring in Scandinavian Studies and Anthropology. Kristin grew up celebrating the rich traditions of Norway and Sweden. Both of her grandfathers are native Norwegians who immigrated to the United States as young adults, and her father's grandmother was born and raised in Sweden.

While at Luther, Kristin has continued learning about the Norwegian culture by taking a variety of classes including Norwegian, Scandinavian Fine Handcrafts and a Scandinavian history course. This summer, Kristin plans on working at Skogfjorden, and will attend Telemark University College in Bø, Norway in the fall.

Sons of Norway Foundation Director Cindy Olson said, "The Sons of Norway Foundation has proudly awarded educational scholarships since 1966. We strive to improve our communities through education while preserving our Norwegian

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- ★ Is the largest Norwegian-American organization in the world
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culture and heritage for future generations. The King Olav V Norwegian-American scholarship program ensures this, while promoting global citizenship, by encouraging American students to study Norwegian culture and Norwegian citizens to study American culture. We are proud to have 2007 recipient Kristin Flessland as one of our scholars.”

His Royal Majesty, King Olav V of Norway, allowed the Sons of Norway Foundation to use his name in establishing a fund to promote cultural exchange between Norway and North America. The fund welcomes both Norwegian and North American applicants, 18 years of age or older.

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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