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## **Hege Finholt Awarded the Sons of Norway Foundation's King Olav V Norwegian- American Scholarship**

**Minneapolis, June 26, 2008** – Hege Finholt of Oslo, Norway, 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.

Finholt was born in Norway in 1975 and grew up in the Oslo area. After having finished her Master's of Philosophy at the University of Oslo in 2002 she came to the US in 2003 to do her PhD in philosophy at Boston University. Finholt's research focuses on the role of national identities in the European Union. This is an important and exciting topic as European integration deepens and broadens on so many levels; her argument is that there is room for a plurality of national identities coexisting with a civic European identity.

After finishing her degree at Boston University, Hege hopes to continue her research project either in the US or in Europe.

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 2008 recipient Hege Finholt 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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