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# SONS OF NORWAY

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*SONS OF NORWAY...*

- ★ Is the largest Norwegian-American organization in the world
- ★ Works to preserve and promote Norwegian heritage and culture
- ★ Provides financial protection through quality insurance products
- ★ Awards scholarships and grants to support individual lodges in their studies, projects, programs and humanitarian efforts

## **Marissa Nelson Awarded Sons of Norway Foundation's Astrid G. Cates Scholarship**

**Minneapolis, June 26, 2008** – Marissa Nelson of Watford, ND, was awarded a Sons of Norway's Astrid G. Cates scholarship, given to Sons of Norway members and their families.

Nelson has been active in several diverse organizations throughout high school, including the local Drama Club, National Honor Society, president of the senior class, vice president of our Students Against Destructive Decisions chapter, and secretary for the Watford City Close-Up. She was recently named to the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals' Academic All-State Silver Team. She is also a member of the Sons of Norway, where she attends Norwegian Language classes and performs Norwegian Folk Dances.

Sons of Norway Foundation Director Cindy Olson said, "The Sons of Norway Foundation has proudly awarded educational scholarships for over 40 years. Astrid Cates and Myrtle Beinhauer, Sons of Norway members, left the Foundation bequests to be used to further improve our communities through education. The Foundation believes in providing these opportunities to strengthen our communities and help us protect Norwegian heritage and culture for future generations. The 2008 recipient Marissa Nelson embodies these goals."

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Astrid G. Cates remembered Sons of Norway youth with a special bequest in her will to the Sons of Norway Foundation. The Sons of Norway Foundation established the Astrid G. Cates Scholarship Fund in 1984. The goal of this scholarship is to help Sons of Norway members, their children and grandchildren obtain post-secondary training or education.

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

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