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Jennifer Stafne Awarded Sons of Norway Foundation's Astrid G. Cates Scholarship

Minneapolis, June 26, 2008 – Jennifer Stafne of Chaska, MN, was awarded a Sons of Norway's Astrid G. Cates scholarship, given to Sons of Norway members and their families.

Stafne will be attending Iowa State University in Ames Iowa pursuing a degree in Dietetics / Food Science. Jenn and her father are members of Vestland 1-601.

Jenn attended Concordia University's Skogfjorden Norwegian language camp for eight summers studying the language, customs and eating the traditional Norwegian foods served there. This led to an interest and opportunity to study as an exchange student in Copenhagen Denmark her Junior year in high school where she learned to speak fluent Danish as well as Norwegian. All of this was possible due to the strong encouragement and support of her parents and her Sons of Norway lodge with the help of District 1 and lodge scholarships to attend Skogfjorden.

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 Jennifer Stafne 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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