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- ★ 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

Bryon Watkins Awarded Sons of Norway Foundation's Astrid G. Cates Scholarship

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

Watkins currently attends Cal Poly Pomona where he is majoring in electrical engineering. After he graduates he plans on going into the field of engineering and hopefully will be able to design the electrical systems that are in buildings. Bryon and his family are members of Solbakken 6-069.

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 Bryon Watkins embodies these goals.”

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.

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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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