

Denmark and my heritage have always meant a lot and I'm glad the NWDA is there to help keep the Danish culture in the U.S. alive.

-Annelise Kromann

Thank you so much for the \$1,000 Scholarship. My family is thoroughly appreciative of your generosity. This money greatly reduces the financial stress of my college education. Thanks again!

- Sonja Nesvig

Thank you so much for this scholarship. I can promise you I will continue to do my best in school, and in learning and using Danish everyday!

Tusind Tak.

- Katrina Hedlund

I am enormously grateful for the generous scholarship awarded to me by the Foundation. Achievement of my educational goals will be considerably easier because of it. I have just completed my first year at the University of Washington and am looking forward to returning in the fall. During autumn quarter I will begin taking classes in the Danish department.

— David Iozzi



Northwest Danish Association and its Scholarship Fund

The Northwest Danish Association provides annual scholarships for persons of Danish descent residing in Washington and Oregon. Consideration is also given to those of non-Danish descent who have shown exceptional involvement in the Danish community. Scholarship grants are available to those pursuing college degrees, technical instruction, or career retraining.

The Association has over 100 years of history of Danish community involvement which has led to the availability of funds for scholarships. In 1923 a group of Danes, wishing to provide a home for retired Danes, purchased a 14-room home on five acres in Seattle. On July 12, 1925, The Northwest Danish Old People's Home was dedicated. In the late 1920s, the home was expanded, and the name was changed to The Northwest Danish Home. Forty years later, on July 12, 1970, a newly built 45-bed nursing home was dedicated to the same principle of providing excellent care to the elderly at low cost.

In 1986, the bylaws of The Northwest Danish Home were expanded to include disbursement of funds for other charitable purposes to serve the Danish community. As a result, the Scholarship Fund was established. In 1987, the membership voted to sell the Home and expand its outreach into the Danish community as the Northwest Danish Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging the public in Danish cultural activities and offering social services in the Pacific Northwest. In 2008, the name was changed to Northwest Danish Association.

Today, the Association continues to offer its Scholarship Fund to serve Washington and Oregon residents who are part of the Danish community.



Northwest Danish Association

Scholarship Program for Oregon & Washington

2026-2027

Northwest Danish Association is a non-profit organization that works to preserve and share our Danish culture, traditions, and values through cultural programs and social services in the community.

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**The Northwest Danish Association (NWDA)
Through its Funds Seeks to:**

- ◆ Assure continuance of the national traditions of the United States of America and Denmark toward strengthening educational and career opportunity
- ◆ Encourage Danish-Americans and their families to pursue their highest individual levels of achievement
- ◆ Contemplate the large range of educational possibilities from the need to master the basics for employability to the pursuit of specialized knowledge and skills
- ◆ Recognize that in today's society preparation for a variety of careers in a lifetime may be necessary
- ◆ Acknowledge careers that enrich and/or entertain
- ◆ Provide financial assistance for tuition of a student's study program

Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee, composed of members of the Danish community, meets to review applications and select award recipients. Recipients are notified of awards by mail in early July, provided the Scholarship Committee has proof of admission to the recipient's educational institution. The award check to the applicant and educational institution is mailed in August.

Granting of Scholarship Funds Shall be:

- ◆ To those who are a current NWDA member and have been a member for at least the current membership year at the time of application (current family membership is acceptable if under 18 years old at application deadline).
- ◆ To those who are of Danish descent, or married to someone of Danish descent, and have actively participated in the Danish community and/or show an interest in perpetuating their Danish heritage. Consideration will also be given to those of non-Danish descent who have shown exceptional involvement or interest in the Danish community.
- ◆ To those who reside in the states of Oregon or Washington.
- ◆ For use in seeking academic degrees, vocational degrees, højskole experience, re-training for employment possibilities, or training for legitimate artistic careers that enrich and/or entertain.
- ◆ With preference given to applicants who have actively participated in the Danish community and show an interest in perpetuating their Danish heritage.

Scholarship Renewal

Scholarship recipients may request renewal of their awards by applying to the NWDA Scholarship Committee. Renewal applicants must submit an updated application based on the most recent college year, a new statement of educational goals and career goals, updated financial statement, a current official transcript, and references from a recent teacher.

To Submit Applications

The Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from the NWDA website. Visit: www.northwestdanish.org/scholarships/

The application form, along with two references, official transcripts, and other information, **must be received at the NWDA office by 5:00 pm on May 15th** to be considered for a scholarship award. Return applications to:

Northwest Danish Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1833 North 105th, Suite 101
Seattle, WA 98133-8973

Scholarship Fund Contributions

Sources for the NWDA scholarship fund include income earned on investments, the Association's annual fundraising campaign, and designated gifts.

NWDA is a non-profit organization: Scholarship gifts are tax-deductible and help NWDA continue to provide scholarship assistance to individuals in the Danish community.

For more information on how you can make a contribution to the scholarship fund, call the NWDA Seattle office at (206) 523- 3263, or send your tax-deductible gift to:

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