

## The Sarah L. Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Rules

In August 1995 eight year old Sarah Paulsen of our lodge passed away.

Because Sarah was very involved with the Sons of Norway, and was fascinated with her family's background and with Norwegian culture, friends and family, along with the Scandiana Lodge felt a scholarship established in Sarah's name would be appropriate. The scholarship will not only carry on her love for the Norwegian Heritage, but will also enable other children to have the opportunity to attend the Sons of Norway Heritage Camp in Eau Claire, in honor of Sarah.

The scholarship will cover one quarter of the camp cost.

Parents may be concerned that getting this scholarship would prevent them from utilizing the District 5 Matching Fund Grant, but this award will have no bearing on other matching funds. This scholarship could be given in addition to District 5 and Local Lodge Matching Fund Scholarships. However, if the applicant's Local Lodge is financially unable to give their children Matching Fund Scholarships, the Sarah Paulsen Scholarship would qualify them for the District 5 Matching Fund Scholarship.

## **Rules:**

- 1. The scholarship is open to any child age 9-15, who is interested in learning about the language and culture of Norway.
- 2. The applicant must be a heritage member or a child or grandchild of a Sons of Norway member, and belonging to a District 5 Lodge.
- 3. The applicant will write an essay of no more than 500 words. The topic is "Why I believe it is important to know about our heritage" or "Why I want to attend Norwegian Heritage Camp".
- 4. All applicants will complete a brief application form.
- 5. Applicant will include 2 letters of reference, including one from a local Lodge officer.
- 6. Applications must be postmarked by April 15. Decisions will be made by May 1, and winners will be notified by mail. Checks will be issued and mailed directly to the Scholarship Recipient before June 1.
- 7. Judges will be the Scandiana 600 Sarah L Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee.