



DANISH SISTERHOOD *of* AMERICA

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Betty Hansen Educational Grant: Eligibility, Timeline and Deadlines

The Danish Sisterhood of America is very proud of its Scholarship and Grant Program. We have four different scholarships, one of which presently offers six awards per year, and one grant program offering ten awards annually—five are given in February (the “January Round”) and five in September (the “August Round”). These scholarships and grants are available to members of the Danish Sisterhood and their children, regardless of age.

Our Scholarship and Grant Program is made possible through generous endowments and memorial funds and are being supplemented by donations from individual members, lodges, and districts of the Danish Sisterhood. No membership dues are used to support these scholarships and grants.

At the time when the scholarship and grant funds were established, the donors—all with strong ties to the Danish Sisterhood—made stipulations regarding eligibility, to which we are legally bound to adhere.

The longevity of the scholarship and grant programs is dependent upon investment returns as well as donations. Such donations are crucial to the program’s continuance—and are very much appreciated.

BETTY HANSEN CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT/DANISH CULTURE/HERITAGE GRANT

Applicant must be enrolled less than full time:

At an educational, accredited, or approved school

In a course, workshop, or seminar

In a seminar or language class relating to our Danish culture/heritage

Grade point average is not required

Note: Only one award is available per family within a household per year.

Grants are awarded for courses just completed (or near completion) immediately preceding the application due date.

Up to ten (10) grants may be awarded each year.

Five (5) grants are available for courses taken between February and August (the “August Round”)—application due date: August 31 of the year the course was taken and awards will be mailed in September.

The remaining five (5) grants are for courses taken between September and January (the “January Round”)—application due date: January 31 of the following year, with awards mailed out in February.

First time applicants will be given priority consideration over previous grant winners.

DEADLINES

Betty Hansen Continuing Education Grants (January Round): January 31

Betty Hansen Continuing Education Grants (August Round): August 31

Deadlines indicate the date by which the application must be post-marked.



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The Betty Hansen Continuing Education | Cultural Heritage Grant Application

Application No.

(For Committee Use Only)

I. SPONSOR

Lodge No. _____ Name of Lodge Sponsoring Applicant _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The sponsoring lodge has read and understands the information outlined on the instruction sheet that is included with this application. The sponsoring lodge signed below agrees to accept responsibility for assisting the Scholarship Chairperson in obtaining information as requested on the instruction sheets and the application.

Approved by _____, Lodge President or Secretary Date _____

OR: I belong to Lodge #300 OR: I am a daughter/son of a Lodge #300 member

II. APPLICANT

Applicant's Full Name _____ Phone _____

Permanent Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you a member of the Danish Sisterhood? Yes, Lodge# _____ No

OR: Son Daughter of _____ (parent's name) Lodge No. _____

Have you received a DSS Grant before? Yes If so, what year? _____ No

Date of applicant or member initiation _____

III. DECLARATION

I have read and understand the information outlined in the instruction sheet that is included with this application. I declare that all of the information being submitted on this and subsequent pages is true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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IV. List the Lodge activities and/or positions in which you have participated.

V. List any special talents or hobbies you may have.

VI. List the name/date of the Continuing Education Course/Seminar you are taking or have just completed.

VII. List the name and address of the institution you are attending or have attended.

VIII. In 250 words or less, describe how this course contributed to your educational goals. Include any special needs or circumstances that would be of value to the Grant Committee. You may also include your educational background, grade point average, employment, occupation, etc.

The National Board reserves the right to refrain from making an award in any given year if deemed appropriate.



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Educational Grant Guidelines

Information and instructions for filing the Betty Hansen Continuing Education/Cultural-Heritage Grant.

1. Applicants must be:
 - a. A Danish Sisterhood member in good standing in the sponsoring lodge
 - b. A Danish Sisterhood member initiated for a minimum of one year prior to the application deadline.
 - c. OR the daughter/son of Danish Sisterhood member as listed in a or b above.
 - d. OR the daughter/son of a Danish Sisterhood member who was in good standing at the time of her death.
 - e. Be enrolled less than a full time student at an approved instructional school.
2. Applications may be submitted by those enrolled in, or having just finished post high school courses offered by any one of the following approved instructional schools:
 - a. Community-school associations
 - b. State approved technical schools
 - c. College or University
 - d. Course or workshop
 - e. Seminar relating to the Danish Culture/Heritage
3. Grants are to be used for educational courses only. Grants will be paid to the recipient for matriculation fees, tuition fees, general school fees, and course related materials.
4. Grants must be used the year in which they were awarded and are not transferable.
5. Grants are generally awarded after the course or workshop is completed.
6. The application must be complete and accurate. Applicants are to provide all the information requested. Please type or print. Do not write on the back of any page. If more space is needed to complete any question, use only one additional, separate sheet of paper.
7. Approval of the application by the sponsoring lodge is necessary. The responsibility of the sponsoring lodge is to verify that the applicant meets the requirements set forth herein. Lodges may submit any number of applications. Sponsoring lodges shall assist the Scholarship Chairman in obtaining information as requested on the Information and Instruction sheet as well as the application.
8. The recipient is responsible for submitting proof to the Scholarship Chairman that she/he is enrolled in a post high school educational course, the total cost of the course from the institution and is enrolled less than a full time student.
9. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify an applicant or to cancel the award if any question is raised regarding the validity of information contained in the application or proof of satisfactory completion of the course. The award will be canceled if it is being used for purposes other than those stipulated herein.
10. One award will be granted per household per year.
11. The National Board reserves the right not to award this grant if it is deemed necessary.
12. Approved applications shall be forwarded to:

Nealna Gylling, DSS National Trustee-Scholarship 1474 Floan Road Point, Brainerd, MN 56401,
trustee2@danishsisterhood.com

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Deadline date is January 31st or August 31st. The completed application must be postmarked by January 31 or August 31. First Class Mail is to be used.