

# **The Madison Torskeklubben – Trygve Lonnebotn Scholarship to the University Of Wisconsin 2017-18**

*Study at one of the leading U.S. universities and experience the true American college life. Get an unrivaled opportunity to dive into American society and culture and get involved with the unique Norwegian American Association: “The Madison Torske Klubben” (MTK).*

## **THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The MTK is offering a scholarship for one Norwegian student to study at the [University of Madison-Wisconsin](#) (UW) the academic year of 2017-2018. The scholarship is open to Norwegian citizens and covers typically: travel to and from Madison, tuition, accommodation and basic living expenses at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for a full academic year.

## **WHO CAN APPLY**

- Norwegian citizens between the age of 21 and 28.
- You have a good academic record with good communication skills in English and Norwegian. Grade point average preferably B or better
- You love learning, meeting new people and have excellent social skills.
- Involvement in extracurricular activities will be advantageous.
- It is recommended that you have completed a Bachelor’s degree within your field by the time of departure.

Priority is given to students who will be enrolled at the graduate level (pursuing a Master’s degree). The scholarship is open to all academic areas, but priority is given to engineering and business students. If you are selected for the scholarship you must be accepted at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for matriculation beginning the autumn semester 2017.

Please note that you should start planning early when applying to UW. You can apply to UW in different ways. Read more about the procedures at the [ANSA](#) organization, [US Embassy](#), at the [Wisconsin Graduate admission](#) webpages or contact the international coordinator at your university. A test in English (TOEFL) and an admission test like SAT/GMAT/GRE are often required.

This scholarship is about getting a first rate American academic and cultural experience while fostering bonds between Norway and the USA. You are expected to act as an ambassador for Norway during your stay in the USA and participate in events organized by the MTK including being a guest

speaker at one of their meetings. You will become part of a network of former scholars and are expected to help in recruiting future scholars.

### **How to apply**

The scholar will be chosen based on the written application and on interviews, which will be held on Skype and in Oslo.

The application should contain:

1. A personal letter (max. one page) explaining why you should receive the scholarship and a description of the program you plan to attend.
2. Contact information for two references.
3. Your CV (max. one page).
4. Grade transcripts from your college or university

The application should be emailed to [tor.erik.engebretsen@gmail.com](mailto:tor.erik.engebretsen@gmail.com) no later than **February 15th 2017**. A selection will be made by end of March. For further information please contact the Chair of the Norwegian election committee: Tor Erik Engebretsen phone: +47 905 57 923, e-mail: [tor.erik.engebretsen@gmail.com](mailto:tor.erik.engebretsen@gmail.com)

**The Madison Torske Klubben** was established in 1978 based on the desire to bring together men of Norwegian ancestry to share good fellowship and traditional Norwegian food and drink. The MTK meets monthly, and a guest speaker is the focal point of each meeting.

**Trygve Lonnebotn** (1937- 2014) was born and grew up in Bergen, Norway. He attended the Technical University in Trondheim, Norway (now NTNU), graduating in 1963 with a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering. After his studies he moved to Wisconsin where he had a lifelong career at Ray-O-Vac corporation (now Spectrum Brands). He held many positions in the company, including Executive Vice President of Operations. Trygve was involved in many Norwegian-American groups especially Madison Torske Klubben. In 2005, he was awarded the Order of Merit, Knight First Class, by the king of Norway.

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

The city of Madison is the state capital of Wisconsin and has about 200 000 inhabitants. Madison is dominated by the university and its more than 40.000 students. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, has an excellent reputation in virtually all academic fields, including business, law, engineering, political science, medicine and sociology. For the third year in a row, the University of Wisconsin–Madison has been ranked 25<sup>th</sup> worldwide by the [Center for World University Rankings](#) and is ranked the 10th best public college by U.S. News & World Report in 2016.