



1919
The Norway-America Fund was founded by the American Scandinavian Foundation and Nordmanns-Forbundet with the purpose to "expand and make more readily available for young, resourceful Norwegians, the opportunity to pursue studies in the United States, especially in the fields of technology, trade, banking, the various branches of science, and areas dealing with societal issues, for the purpose of enriching Norwegian society." King Haakon VII agreed to be the organization's patron.

1920-1925
Five Norwegians were funded to study in the US, and five Americans were funded to study in Norway.

1926
Industrial Fellowships were created to fund ten Norwegians studying in the US and simultaneously work in their chosen fields. This lasted until 1929 when a recession in the US made it difficult to place Norwegian students in American companies, which continued throughout the Great Depression.

1936
The Fund came to life again after the American recession and president of the Norwegian Parliament C.J. Hambro became chairman of the board. Through successful fundraising, the Fund managed to reestablish the Industrial Fellowship and other stipends.

1939
The fund's activities came to a halt with the German invasion of Norway in 1940, and had to close its doors. The chairman created a "Board in Exile" in Princeton New Jersey, and with few achievements while in exile, the board always prepared to return to Norway.

1944
Engineer Per K. Frolich donated a \$1500 stipend for a Norwegian student who had experienced the Nazi oppression, in order to acquire an education in the US which could come to use when rebuilding Norway.

1945
C.J. Hambro and the board returned to Norway and continued the work for the Fund, and their first action was to award three stipends from the Crown Prince Olav's Scholarship Fund, which had been raised in 1939. Shortly after, Engineer F. Unger Vetlesen supported five stipends of \$1500 to young Norwegians who had participated in the resistance movement during the war.

1946
The Norway-America Fund and Amerikaforeningen merged and became Norge-Amerika Foreningen/The Norway-America Association.



1979
60 year anniversary of the Norway-America Association. From left: Alf R. Bjercke, John A. Boyle (Counselor of the American Embassy), King Olav V, Arthur Grant Campbell (Canadian Ambassador to Norway), Gunnar Randers.

1954
The Norway-America Association included Canada in its portfolio, and the association has since worked with Canadian universities to increase the number of Norwegian students in Canada.

1963
Thanks to Scandinavian Norway was founded in New York, USA. Through this fund, American Jews can express their thanks to the Scandinavian countries for their effort to help their Jewish citizens evade German Occupation forces. Luther College, Iowa started a six week summer course to Norwegian educators. The first participants attended in the summer of 1964.



1987
Dr. Christophersen celebrated his 90th birthday at the Norway-America Association's office. From left: Karl Lorck, Dr. Erling Christophersen, Ragnhild Galtung, US Ambassador Robert D. Stuart, Jr.



2009
The Norway-America Association celebrated 90 year anniversary. From left: Per Ditlev-Simonsen, His Majesty King Harald V, Johan H. Andreasen, Sr.



1987
The Norwegian Marshall Fund's 10 year anniversary and annual meeting. Ragnhild Galtung (Secretary General) greets King Olav V.



NORAM scholarships

THROUGH 95 YEARS

1977
The Norwegian Marshall Fund was established. Thirty years after the Marshall Plan sent aid to a war-torn Europe. The Norwegian Marshall Fund gives stipends to Americans interested in pursuing studies and research in Norway.

1978
Dr. Erling Christophersen was made an honorary member of NORAM, in recognition of his active efforts in strengthening the activities of the Association and the creation of the Nansen Fund in 1973, The Norwegian Marshall Fund in 1976 and Archbold Norwegian-American Fund in 1979.

1987
The Ambassador Robert D. Stuart Jr. Fellowship was added to the Norway-America Association's list of stipends. This scholarship encourages Norwegian politicians to get acquainted with the US political climate through working in Congress.

1988
Ragnhild Galtung, who had been responsible for the operations of Norway-America Association for 30 years, received the Order of St. Olav honoring her 30 years of service.

1994
The Norway-America Association held a 75th Jubilee Ball attended by the American and Canadian Ambassadors to Norway.

1999
The Association moved from Drammensveien to the association for its 90th Anniversary to Nordmanns-Forbundet's location in Rådhusgaten 23B. Nordmanns-forbundet and the Association were reunited in a sense; continuing to be separate organizations, but shared from this moment on Executive Director.

2009
The Norway-America Association celebrated its 90th Anniversary this year. For the occasion NORAM invited its sponsors and other important contacts to a dinner hosted by NORAM President Johan H. Andresen Sr., and NORAM's Patron H.M King Harald attended. A visible change that the organization went through this year was that the Norway-America Association changed its acronym from NAA to NORAM.

2010
H.M. King Harald renewed his patronage to the association for another five years. He continued the tradition of patronage for NORAM, like H.M King Haakon and H.M King Olav did before him. NORAM is proud of this seal of approval, which has become an important symbol for the organization.

2011
The American-Scandinavian Foundation secured \$250,000 from DNB, Norway's leading financial institution, to support students at one of the top twenty American graduate schools of business for MBA degrees.

2013
Merging of NORAM's 11 different scholarship foundations into one big foundation, now called Norge-Amerika Stiftelsen. This will reduce costs, simplify the administration of the foundations, and provide a better return on the value of these funds.

