

Scholarship Fund Makes First Research Award

The scholarship committee announced a \$300 research award to Kevin Durand of Boulder, Colorado in May 2005.

Kevin noted in his application that he will be studying at The University of Oslo, Norway during the 2005-06 academic year and will use the scholarship award "to explore our Norwegian genealogy."

Kevin's great-grandfather was Tom Stafne, born in Norway. As Stafne was born out of wedlock, much remains to be discovered concerning his Norwegian roots. Kevin said he has studied the Norwegian language and that his wife is fluent in Norwegian.

Kevin wrote, "Exploring our family's historical ties to Norway has the potential to add many fascinating stories to the Durand Heritage Foundation's storybook." Kevin will write a report on his findings for the Foundation.

While in Norway Kevin will pursue his specialty of infectious disease epidemiology and international health. Kevin also wrote, "I think it is great that the John Adelard Durand Scholarship Program has been established, and thank all the participants of JohnnyRide 2004 for all their effort last summer."