

Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship

2026 Application

Archaeologist Cynthia Kordecki was one of the greatest contributors to the North Dakota Archaeological Association. She put 110% of her energy and support into the organization. This scholarship honors her memory.

The **Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides financial assistance to individuals to promote the scientific investigation, preservation and publication of archaeological research in North Dakota. The Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship annually awards research scholarships. Awards may be up to \$1,000 (USD).

Requirements

- People of any age may apply for the scholarship, including K-12 (students or educators), college and graduate students, professional researchers, and “life-long” students.
- The research must promote the scientific investigation, preservation, and publication of archaeological research in the Northern Plains (with preference given to research based in North Dakota)¹.
- The scholarship must be used to fund part or all of a specific research or education project.
- Award recipients must share a research presentation with the membership of the North Dakota Archaeological Association (NDAA). Options may include 1) publishing the research as an article in the NDAA journal *North Dakota Archaeology*, 2) publishing a brief report in the NDAA newsletter, and/or 3) presenting the research at an Annual Meeting of the NDAA.

Application Process

To apply, submit a completed and signed application form to the **Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship**, postmarked by **April 10, 2026** (see attached pages). The Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship will notify awardees no later than **April 15, 2026**. Scholarship awardees will also receive a complimentary one-year membership to the North Dakota Archaeological Association (NDAA). Award recipients will receive a complimentary copy of the issue of *North Dakota Archaeology* and/or NDAA newsletter in which their article appears.

Please email application materials to ckscholarship@yahoo.com or mail to:

Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship
c/o NDAA
PO Box 179
Bismarck ND 58502

¹ The Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship cannot fund archaeological fieldwork for which the applicant has not received prior permission from the landowner, or which does not involve a Principal Investigator who is eligible for a permit to do archaeological work in accordance with federal and state law.

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Name					
Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Phone		Email			

Proposed Budget: Please explain how award funds will be expended.

Dissemination of Research:

If you receive this award, how do you prefer to share it with the NDAA membership?
(check all that apply):

- Publication of report in NDAA Newsletter
- Publication of article in *North Dakota Archaeology* occasional journal
- Public presentation of research at the Annual Meeting of the NDAA

I certify that all statements made in this application are true and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Provide a statement that describes your proposed research project. Explain how your research contributes to archaeology (or will further develop your own knowledge of archaeology), and how this award will help your research project (up to one page, single-spaced).