The FOUNDERS AWARD contest is held at each International Convention.

The Theme for 2022 is *“NORTH WOODS LOGGING: MYTHS & LEGENDS”*

The Winner is announced each year at the final noon Luncheon at the close of the International Convention. Milwaukee Wisconsin will be the site of the convention May 13-15, 2022.

The Founders Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member.  The paper requires research and can be quite an intensive effort.  A few years ago, I was honored to write a paper when our International convention was in Iowa.  The topic that year was "Ethnic Heritage of Iowa"    I was so surprised and humbled at the convention to win the Founders Award for that paper.  I would encourage you to challenge your chapter members and yourselves to consider writing a Founders Award paper.

I will be happy to help any way that I can, by proofreading, or offering advice on topics.  Sadly, there are not usually very many papers submitted so your opportunity to win is actually quite good.  But more importantly, you will have the chance to learn something new and contribute to our fine organization.  The papers are available for all members to read in the future to be used for programs.

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| Deadline is March 1, 2022, so it’s time to choose a topic and begin your research.  Be sure to look up all the rules on the International Quester website, because there are very specific guidelines that must be followed.  Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.   |

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|  Want to bring some intriguing and captivating history into your life?  Participating in the Founder’s Award will do it. ****What is a Founder’s Award?****It is awarded each year at the annual convention in honor of Jessie Elizabeth Bardens.  This is the highest honor for research conferred on Questers members by their fellow members. They are sent to the Headquarters Administrator at questers210@questers1944.org. ****Why and How to do a Founder’s Award Paper?****Your submitted papers will be sent without designation of your name, chapter or state from the Headquarters Administrator to a Past International President, who is the Founder’s Award chairman and her committee.  The committee will be non-Questers and the paper will be judged by several criteria. When your creative research paper wins, you will receive a framed certificate, an engraved silver plate and your paper will be published in the Quester Quarterly and retained in the Quester Library for all to enjoy.  |