

Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan
Scholarship Program

PURPOSE

In an effort to preserve the history of our Mayflower Ancestors through genealogy, historical research and education, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan has created a Scholarship program. This program will provide educational assistance to both our Junior and General members up to age 25, who are planning to attend an accredited two- or four-year higher education program.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

There will be a maximum of three awards per academic year: one \$2000 scholarship, one \$1000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship, all scholarships payable directly to the institution of higher education. However, the Committee reserves the right to not award any scholarships if it is determined that there are no qualified entries. All decisions by the Committee are final.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All application materials must be postmarked no later than May 1 of the year of entry.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Scholarship applicants must be no less than high school seniors at the time of application
2. Scholarship applicants must be either a General member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan or a Junior member of said Society

There are No restrictions regarding the *state of residence* of the applicant [i.e. the Junior member or General member]

3. Scholarship applicants must have confirmed plans to attend an institution of higher education [provide a copy of letter of acceptance]

Applicant may not have a parent, grandparent, sibling or sponsor sitting on the committee that would evaluate the application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Download and complete the attached application

The Applicant must write an original essay of 750-1000 words discussing “**The Life and Times of Your Mayflower Ancestor.**”

The essay should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced

The essay must have a cover page with the title of the essay, the date, and the name of the applicant on it

The essay must include a bibliography of cited sources

IMPORTANT NOTE: This essay is to be in your own words. DO NOT incorporate text from secondary sources in your essay. Essays that do include text that is copied directly from cited sources, or any other sources, will be disqualified.

The Applicant must write at least one paragraph explaining how being awarded one of these scholarships will help him/her attain their career goals

Two letters from educators must be submitted along with the essay: at least one being an English teacher, stating they have read the essay and have given their critique of its contents

JUDGING CRITERIA

Criteria for judging all Scholarship Applications equals 100 points with a minimum score of 60 points to qualify

Item	Possible Points
a. Application Preparation and Submission [All information must be provided as specified and complete]	5
b. Essay	
i. Organization	15
ii. Accuracy of Facts Presented	20
iii. Grammar	15
iv. Spelling	15
c. Scholastic Achievement	15
d. References Provided	10
e. Paragraph on how Scholarship will help Applicant attain career goals	<u>5</u>
Total points possible	100

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High School Awards and Honors [list each on a separate line]

High School Activities, exclusive of Community Service [list each on a separate line]

Community Service, exclusive of High School Activities [list each on a separate line]

Course of Study [briefly describe your academic plans for the next two/four years]

Paragraph explaining how being awarded one of these scholarships will help you attain your career goals

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Mayflower Scholarship Essay

An important portion of your application is the completion of a thoughtful, well-written essay.

Please write an original essay of 750-1000 words discussing:

“The Influence the Mayflower Compact Had Upon the Framers of the United States Constitution”

The essay should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced

The essay must have a cover page with the title of the essay, the date, and the name of the applicant on it

Please include two letters from educators along with the essay: at least one being an English teacher, stating they have read the essay and have given their critique of its contents

Send all required Application materials no later than May 1 to:

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Berkley, MI 48072