



Maryland Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Program

Our Mission

“The Scholarship Committee serves as the connection between the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maryland and the applicants to and recipients of its college scholarship awards. The fundamental purpose of these awards is to support students in their academic pursuits and promote better knowledge and awareness about the story of the Pilgrims, and the preservation of that historical heritage.”

Our Vision

Through this scholarship program, students will feel a stronger connection to their ancestral ties to the passengers of the Mayflower and the legacy that connects the generations.

The Award

The minimum award for selectees is \$750. More than one scholarship may be issued, depending on availability of funding. Preference is given to first-time selectees. The award monies must be used for tuition, fees, and/or textbooks. The Society’s Scholarship award decisions are final.

Eligibility and Requirements

The applicant:

1. Must be a Member in good standing, a Junior Member, or have direct lineage connection to a member of the Maryland Society. Applicants must be able to describe their lineage to at least one Mayflower Pilgrim (see to-do list).
2. Must have applied to be or is a full-time student. This must be documented.
3. Must attend a U.S.-based two- or four-year college or university undergraduate program, trade school, or other institution of undergraduate higher learning. An equivalent foreign institution of higher education will be considered under special circumstances, which should be explained. Students in Graduate or Post-Graduate programs are not eligible.

Scholarship Application Instructions List Academic Year: 2020-2021

To-Do List:

The applicant must:

- a) Provide a flowchart that shows the candidate's lineage to at least one Mayflower Pilgrim.
- b) Sign the application and complete all portions of the document, or explain why a portion is not pertinent.
- c) Demonstrate intended or existing full-time student status at the eligible institution.
- d) Submit unofficial copies of their SAT and/or ACT scores with the scholarship application, if available. Individuals who have been away from school for three years or more are not expected to have these documents. Explain your circumstances if these scores are not available.
- e) Provide unofficial academic transcripts for the prior two academic years, unless the applicant has been away from school for more than three years.
- f) Provide two letters of reference from non-relatives.

Applicants may re-compete for a new scholarship award, if eligible. Submission of available unofficial transcripts to verify a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher, on a 4.0 scale, and full-time student status is required.

The selectee(s) must:

- g) Agree to provide or pose for a photograph which may be used to publicize the Society's scholarship program or the specific award. A photo release form must

be provided. That form must be signed by a parent/guardian if the applicant is younger than 18 years old.

- h) Submit financial account information at the educational institution to which award check(s) are to be submitted. Scholarship funds must be used for tuition, fees, and/or books. Awards may be made directly to the scholarship recipient in special circumstances, which must be justified to the satisfaction of the State society.
- i) Be available for an interview in the Baltimore area during May or September timeframes. This interview may be conducted in person or by teleconference.
- j) Submit unofficial transcripts at the end of each term/semester to be entitled to any remaining portion of the scholarship award. The Society reserves this rule for scholarship awards at \$2000 each or higher, if offered. Higher value awards will be disbursed in two installments.

Contact:

Additional information is available from the Scholarship Committee Chair by writing to scholarship@MarylandMayflower.org. Applications for the scholarship may also be mailed to the address at the top of that form.

Notices:

The application forms and attachments of the scholarship recipient(s) and up to two runners-up may be held for three years by the scholarship committee chair. All other applicant packages will be destroyed.

Scholarship winners are responsible for any possible taxes that derive from an award.



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2020-2021 Academic Year
Post High School Scholarship
At least \$750.00

Application Deadlines: See website
<https://marylandmayflower.org/scholarship/>

Mail completed application package to:
Scholarship Committee Chair
11313 Castlewood Court
Laurel, MD 20723-2048

Or, email the signed application and all attachments to
Scholarship@MarylandMayflower.org

Name: _____ Informal Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ or Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Current School: _____ Current GPA: _____ (4-point scale)

Scholarship Institution: _____ Location: _____ Admitted? _____

Declared or proposed graduation year and major: _____

Pilgrim ancestor: _____ Applicable Mayflower Member Number: _____

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Scholarship Questions

Please answer each of the following questions. Type your answers on separate pages, noting the question number. Each sheet must be headed with your name. You will be rated on how well you answer each question, specifically logical argument, clarity, grammar, and presentation. The evaluation criteria and scoring sheet is included in the application packet.

1.
 - a. Describe your academic accomplishments to date.
 - b. Describe any special awards or recognition you have received.
 - c. Describe the most important experiences that (and/or people who) have contributed to your academic success.
2. List and describe your personal involvement in each of the following activities:
 - a. school classes, activities and volunteering,
 - b. community service, and,
 - c. extracurricular activities.
3.
 - a. What are your educational goals, and why?
 - b. Describe your career goals.
 - c. Describe how your work experience(s) contributed to your career goals.
4. Bonus points: Describe your current/former involvement in the Maryland Mayflower Society, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and/or your intentions for your membership.
5. Optional: Is there anything else that you feel the Scholarship Committee should know in considering your application?
6. Write and submit an essay of less than 750 words entitled "How does the Mayflower Compact impact me and the United States today?"

I certify that the information contained in this application packet is correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that if selected, I will be disqualified from continued scholarship payments due to any false statements contained in these documents or for failure to maintain full-time status (as defined by the institution) and a 3.0 GPA or better, on a scale of 4. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statement.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For reference only – NOT to be filled out

Maryland Mayflower Society Application Evaluation Rubric

	Attachments	Point Value	Notes
I)	Academic elements: a) GPA, b) level of difficulty, c) SAT & ACT scores	20	No more than 7 points for each element
II)	Letters of recommendation	10	Two letters required. Clarity of relationship to applicant, strength of recommendation, and value of recommendation (related to school, work, community service, etc.). Up to 5 pts each.
III)	Pilgrim Essay	20	Essay of 750 words or less. See topic on page two of the application form.
IV)	Photo and consent	Mandatory	To be used for announcement of the scholarship recipient or program publicity.
	Applicant Responses		
1.	Accomplishments, Awards & Influences	5	See application responses 1a, b, c.
2.	Extracurricular activities, school volunteer activities, community service	10	See application responses 2a, b, c
3.	Educational, career goals, and contributing experience	5	See application responses 3a, b, c
4.	Mayflower Society or GSMD Society Involvement	10	See application response 4
5.	Other considerations	Optional	See application response 5
6.	Quality of application	20	Grammar, punctuation, presentation, completeness, following instructions.
	Total	100	

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Media Release Form

Society of Mayflower Descendants
in the State of Maryland
8060 Windward Key Drive
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732-5107

I hereby authorize the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maryland, hereafter referred to as "the Society," to take or publish photographs I have provided of myself and/or the minor child or children listed below, and our names and likenesses, for use in the Society's print, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other related media, such as that issued by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, hereafter referred to as "GSMD". If I provide photographs to the Society, I warrant I hold copyright or a current, unrestricted license for those images.

I further acknowledge that participation is voluntary and that neither I, the minor child, nor minor children, if any, will receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or for their use in Society or GSMD marketing materials or publications. I acknowledge and agree the Society has granted me an unrestricted, fee-free license to use those particular images taken of me or of the minor children which it has created under the terms of this agreement only.

I hereby release and hold harmless the Society and GSMD from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for myself and/or for the minor child or children listed below associated with the images specified above.

I hereby release the Society, GSMD, their contractors, their employees and volunteers, and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of Society or GSMD publications or media products, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of the minor children listed below.

Authorization:

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____