



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 \$1500.00. Runner-up awardees will also be considered for a scholarship award, depending on availability of funds. 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, 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 attached lineage flow chart).
2. Must have applied to be or is a full-time higher education student. This must be documented.
3. Must attend or is planning to attend an accredited U.S.-based two- or four-year college or university undergraduate program. Equivalent foreign institutions of higher education will be considered under special circumstances, which should be explained. Students in Graduate or Postgraduate programs are not eligible.

Scholarship Application Instructions List Academic Year: 2026-2027

The applicant must:

1. Complete the lineage flowchart that shows the candidate's lineage to at least one Mayflower Pilgrim and provide your membership number if applicable.
2. Sign the application and complete all portions of the document or explain why a portion is not pertinent.
3. Demonstrate intended or existing full-time student status at the eligible institution.
4. 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.
5. Provide unofficial academic transcripts for the current academic institution unless the applicant has been away from school for more than three years.
6. Provide two letters of reference from non-relatives.

7. 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.
8. Submit financial account information for the educational institution to which award check is 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 scholarship committee.
9. A student may re-apply for a second grant whether they were denied or received a former scholarship.

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

Key Dates:

- The deadline for receipt of applications is: March 20, 2026
- Applicants and scholarship recipients will be notified by: April 3, 2026
- Awardees will be invited to the Spring Dinner in April 2026.

Contact:

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

Notices:

- Your application form and attachments will be held in the chairperson's files for four (4) years, current plus three. All older data shall be shredded/deleted.
- Please be advised that you may also be eligible for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants' scholarship. Visit www.TheMayflowerSociety.org for details.



Maryland Society of Mayflower Descendants

2026-2027 Academic Year Post High School Scholarship

Application Deadlines: March 20, 2026

<https://marylandmayflower.org/scholarship/>

Mail completed application package to:

Scholarship Committee Chair

P.O. Box 208

Kensington, MD 20895

Or, email the signed application and all attachments to

Scholarship@MarylandMayflower.org

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone Number: **Cell? Or,** **Home:**

Email Address:

Current School:

Current GPA (4 point scale):

Scholarship Institution (College):

Location:

Admitted: **Yes.** **Or,** **No.**

Proposed or Declared graduation year and major:

Pilgrim Ancestor:

Applicable Mayflower Member Number:



Maryland Society of Mayflower Descendants 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. Explain the following (1 page maximum):
 - i. Describe your academic accomplishments to date.
 - ii. Describe any special awards or recognition you have received.
 - iii. Describe the most important experiences that (and/or people who) have contributed to your academic success.
2. What are your educational and career goals, and why?
3. Describe your extracurricular and community service activities.
4. Optional: Is there anything else that you feel the Scholarship Committee should know in considering your application?
5. Write and submit an essay of less than 750 words: In honor of America's 250th Independence anniversary, describe your Mayflower ancestor's journey to independence and how it parallels your own journey to independence.

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 I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Photo/Story Release Form

I hereby give the Maryland Mayflower Society permission to publish my photo/image and personal story/essay in any publication produced by the Maryland Mayflower Society and that I own the copyright or have the appropriate license for each.

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant:

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years of age):

Date:



Maryland Mayflower Society -- Lineage Chart

Please provide the family line, generation by generation, in the form below. The left column is the child from the prior generation. The right column is that person's spouse. Your name will appear in the left column at the appropriate generation:

Your Pilgrim Ancestor:

Gen2

Gen3

Gen4

Gen5

Gen6

Gen7

Gen8

Gen9

Gen10

Gen11

Gen12

Gen13

Gen14

Gen15

Gen16