

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

Up to \$1000 with more than one scholarship awarded, depending on availability of funding. 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 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 schools, or other institutions of undergraduate higher learning. Equivalent foreign institutions 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: 2018-2019

To-Do List:

The applicant must:

1. Provide a flowchart that shows the candidate's lineage to at least one Mayflower Pilgrim.
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 prior two academic years, 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 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.
9. Be available for an interview in the Baltimore area during May or September timeframes. This interview may be conducted in person or by teleconference.

The Society reserves the following rule for scholarship awards at \$2000 each or higher, if offered:

10. The applicant must submit unofficial transcripts at the end of each term/semester to be entitled to any remaining portion of the scholarship award. Higher value awards will be disbursed in two installments.

Applicants may re-compete for a new scholarship award, if eligible, and after submitting available unofficial transcripts that document a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better, on a scale of 4, and full-time study status. Existing scholarship recipients

should send their second term transcript as soon as it is available, as a supplement to their application.

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

Key Dates:

The deadline for receipt of applications is:

- a. March 30, 2018, for fall 2018 awards,
- b. August 30, 2018, for spring 2019 awards.

Applicants and scholarship recipients will be notified by:

- c. June 1, 2018, for fall 2018 awards,
- d. October 1, 2018, for spring 2019 awards.

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.

Maryland Society of Mayflower Descendants
2018-2019 Academic Year
Post High School Scholarship
Up to \$1000

Application Deadlines: See website

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 points for each question are noted after the question. Also, the evaluation criteria 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. (1-page maximum)
2.
 - 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.
3. 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.
4. Bonus points: Describe your current/former involvement in the Maryland Mayflower Society, the national Society, 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 will being a Mayflower descendant likely shape my future?"

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	Less than 750 words on “How will being a Mayflower descendant likely shape my future?”
IV)	Photo and consent	Mandatory	To be used for announcement of the scholarship recipient or program publicity.
	Applicant Responses		
1.	Accomplishments, Awards & Influences	10	See application responses 1a, b, c.
2.	Educational, career goals, and contributing experience	10	See application responses 2a, b, c
3.	Extracurricular activities, school volunteer activities, community service	10	See application responses 3a, b, c
4. Bonus	Mayflower Society or National Society Involvement	**10	See application response 4
5.	Other considerations	5	See application response 5
6.	Quality of application	5	Grammar, punctuation, presentation, completeness, following instructions.
	Total	100	

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