

General Society of Mayflower Descendants 2023 Scholarship

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2023 GENERAL SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program is awarding three High School Senior students' scholarships in the amount of: \$6000, \$5000, \$4000. A \$3,000 Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship will also be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is a Mayflower descendant and will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college.

In the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering themselves.

ANCESTRY REQUIREMENTS

For an applicant to be considered for a Mayflower Scholarship, the Application Form must include a **valid active GSMD membership number** for either the applicant or for a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent of the applicant. (Do not include State Society Numbers)

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each Scholarship recipient must be a graduating high school senior; must provide the information requested for the application; and must enter a four-year college or university or two-year community college, the fall following graduation.

All applicants must take the SAT or ACT at a time that will allow the results to be submitted as a part of the scholarship application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE March 1, 2023

Each applicant must complete the application online and mail required documentation by the deadline. *Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.*

Items to be mailed: Grades, SAT/ACT Scores and Recommendation forms and letters recommendations postmarked by March 1, 2023.

Failure to send appropriate forms will eliminate your application from consideration.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Fill out all required forms.

These are the instructions for completing and submitting your application. You will refer to it often as you prepare and collect your application materials for submission.

Additional documents to download from the website are forms for an Academic Recommendation and a Character Reference. Follow the instructions on each of these forms. Please ask your recommenders to fill out the form, place each in a sealed Number 10 envelope which you will include in one large envelope with all forms. **Each of the forms is a required part of the application.** Forms must be postmarked in one envelope with your application, essay, SAT/ACT scores and additional letters of recommendation by March 1, 2023 or your application will be disqualified.

Mail to: GSMD Scholarship 2023
18 Winslow Street
Plymouth, MA 02360

2. Mail-in Required Application Documents in one envelope.

The Essay must be typed out separately from all forms and *should not include your name anywhere on the essay or it will be eliminated from competition.* The Submission form allows you to type in (copy and paste) answers to questions.

Section 1 is the Scholarship Application; Section 2 is the form for your Mayflower Scholarship Essay.

3. Before proceeding further, read the guidelines for preparing your Mayflower Scholarship Essay below and be sure to carefully follow the instructions.

Application Check List:

- 1) Fill-out application form and print essay separately and mail by March 1, 2023 with all documents.
- 2) Academic and Character Recommendation Form; instruct the recommenders to place forms in sealed envelope with your name. All forms — including the Academic and Character Recommendation Forms (in sealed envelopes per instructions) by March 1, 2023.
- 3) Academic Grades and ACT/SAT Scores, Letters of recommendation and your Essay in ONE ENVELOPE by March 1, 2023.

The above documents are required to be mailed, and must be paper clipped together in the envelope. Refrain from using staples, presentation folders, binders, portfolios or sheet protectors. Do not submit any other supporting documents.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Copies of documents officially establishing your direct lineage to the relative you named as an active member of the GSMD are NOT to be submitted as part of the application packet. However, scholarship winners must provide the necessary documentation to establish lineage when asked to do so. If your parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent is not an active Mayflower Society member, you may not apply. Your parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent not being an active member as of December 14, 2022 makes you ineligible to apply.

DEADLINE: March 1, 2023. Materials must be postmarked by that date. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

NOTIFICATION: After awards have been finalized, scholarship recipients will receive a formal notification letter on or about July 15, 2023.

Following the winning applicant's notification, all other applicants will receive an email informing them they have not been chosen for an award.

DISBURSEMENT: Scholarship recipients receive one-half of the funds for the first semester or quarter, the other half for the second semester or quarter.

Recipients are required to fill out a Scholarship Disbursement form for the first semester or quarter, and the second semester or quarter. Scholarship funds will be deposited in their tuition account or sent directly to them if there is a conflict with government grants. More detailed information will be provided in the formal notification.

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Application Form

Section 1: Basic Information for Your Application.

Fill in the blanks for the information requested below. Type your responses to questions directly into the Application navigating with the Tab key.

Applicant name: First Middle Last

Address: PO Box or House # and Street, City, State or Province, Postal Code, Country

Phone: Best number to reach you

Date of Birth: MM/DD/YYYY E-mail address: _____

GSMD Eligibility

Are you already an active member of GSMD? Yes No GSMD # _____

Who is your Mayflower ancestor(s) on the ship _____

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If any documentation needs to be submitted to GSMD to obtain a current GSMD membership number, applicants should begin work as early as possible with the Mayflower Historian in their state of residence to complete this process.

Full name of living Parent, Grandparent, or Great-Grandparent:
_____ GSMD # _____ (do not use the State Number)

How are you related to this individual? _____

High School name: _____

High School address: Full mailing address

High School Phone: _____

High School E-mail address: _____

Name of High School Principal: _____

Name of High School Guidance Counselor: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: MM/DD/YYYY Current GPA: _____

Current Rank in Class: _____ of Total in class

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.

Employment History, with most recent first:

List each on a separate line.

Course of Study:

Briefly describe your academic plans for the immediate future.

Section 2: 2023 MAYFLOWER ESSAY

RESEARCH AND WRITE YOUR MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

By far the most important portion of your application is the completion of a thoughtful, well-written essay exploring some aspect of the history of the Mayflower experience and its significance today.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING YOUR ESSAY

CONTEXT: Imagine that the General Society of Mayflower Descendants has decided to focus its next Triennial Congress on the Mayflower Compact. The Society is particularly interested in the perspective a young person would bring to this topic.

Here is the text of the Mayflower Compact:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc. Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord King James; of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Ano. Dom. 1620

Citations/Bibliography must be included.

You may not use Wikipedia as a resource. But you may find resources on Wikipedia.

Essay Part 1 Historical: What led to the writing of the Mayflower Compact and why was it needed? Identify at least two features or aspects of the Compact and describe why each should have mattered enough to those onboard to have been included in the document to establish and operate a government.

Essay Part 2 Present-day Societies: Take one of the features or aspect of the Compact that you identified in Part 1 and expound upon why it is relevant to present-day societies, including our own, struggling to develop or maintain a government.

Essay Part 3 Personal: Take the same or another of the features or aspects of the Mayflower Compact you identified in Part 1 of your essay and expound upon any impact it has had in your life. How would your commitment to bettering yourself be supported by the opportunities this scholarship will make available to you?

The three parts of your essay should not exceed 1500 words total.

Citations/Bibliography:

DOCUMENTATION For all essays we require a Bibliography of sources you have found useful in preparing your essay. If your essay is entirely in your own words and based on your own thoughts, this Bibliography is sufficient documentation.

You are likely to find information or ideas from external sources which you wish to include in your essay. You also may find one or more short portions of text which are especially appropriate to include exactly as written. If you include in your essay information, ideas or text taken from external sources, your Bibliography is NOT sufficient documentation. For ideas or information taken from an external source you must indicate the source of those ideas or that information. Direct quotations must also be placed in quotation marks with a clear identification including, where relevant, the page number of the source. Plagiarism—the inclusion in your essay of ideas, information or text taken directly from another source without giving explicit credit to that source--will result in automatic disqualification.

<http://www.easybib.com/help/paren> provides basic information about proper documentation of sources. Make certain that your Bibliography includes all sources cited in the essay. For more details we suggest you contact your English teacher.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE ESSAY

Create an edited, single-spaced draft of Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3 of your essay-- with appropriate citations--and bibliography in a word processor. Use Times New Roman 12-point font style. Your name should not appear on any part of the essay.

ASSEMBLE MATERIALS FOR MAILING

1. Obtain a copy of your high school transcript, including grades for your first semester senior year, from your high school. The transcript should include GPA, class rank information and the number of students in your graduating class.
2. Take the SAT or ACT tests, including the Writing Sample, in time for results of those tests to be available to you for submission by the March 1st deadline.
3. Obtain the sealed envelopes containing your Academic Recommendation and Character Reference from your recommenders.