



2020 MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL DESCRIPTION

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THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Scholarship Mission Statement: Mayflower Scholarships are awarded annually to New Jersey high school graduates by The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey. The mission of this program has been to recognize deserving young people who have demonstrated an active interest in pursuing a higher education **related to United States History**, which will heighten their awareness of self-governance and enable them to become better prepared for life and citizenship.

History of the Scholarship: First awarded in 1990, the Mayflower Scholarship program complements the Society's other educational efforts and reflects our commitment to the education of New Jersey's youth in the importance of self-governance. Funded through gifts from our members, we are currently able to provide up to three such awards each year, using a competitive process to select winners and alternates from among those students meeting eligibility requirements. Each high school in New Jersey may select and nominate **no more than one student each year**. Financial need is not a factor.

Eligibility:

- Each applicant must be a resident of New Jersey and follow the application procedures.
- Currently in the upper fourth of the school's class or have SAT or ACT total scores at/above the 75th percentile.
- Enter a four-year college or university or a two-year community college as part of a four-year academic plan.

Award: The \$1,620 scholarship amount is payable to an awardee's tuition account.

Selection Process: The Education and Scholarship Committee of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey makes the final selections of those to receive the scholarships from among all nominees with complete application packets.

Application Information: Our website (www.njmayflower.org) provides a downloadable PDF file of the [application packet](#) on its "Resources" page. In addition to an application form, the packets used in adjudicating the submissions must include a typed document with responses to seven items listed on bottom of the form as well as found in a separate WORD file of [instructions](#) that can also be downloaded from our website. The seven items include: High School Awards and Honors; High School Activities, exclusive of Community Service; Community Service, exclusive of High School Activities; Employment History, with most recent first; Colleges to which a nominee is applying; Degree and course of study to be pursued; and a **Short** (not to exceed 750 words), **two-part Essay on the Mayflower Compact** (text below). Along with an Academic Recommendation Form and a Character Reference Form, the application process also requires a copy of the nominee's official transcript and a copy of the nominee's official notification of SAT or ACT scores. A completed application packet **must be clearly** postmarked no later than April 1, 2020.

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 England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour 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 Politick, 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 hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini, 1620.



2020 MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Application Instructions: A complete application package **must** contain the following **six (6) sets of documents**:

1. Completed **Part 1** of the 2020 Mayflower Scholarship Application Form. This application may be obtained from the school's Guidance Office. No more than one student can be nominated by each high school. Submission of more than one applicant per school will result in all applicants from the school being disqualified.
 2. Completed **Part 2** of the 2020 Mayflower Scholarship Application Form, typed as per the directions. ***Please note that there are seven mandatory items for Part 2 that must be completed and attached to the Application Form**
 3. An official copy of the applicant's grade transcript (provided by the school).
 4. An official copy of the applicant's notification of SAT or ACT scores. [Please note that for 2020, the Mayflower Scholarship does not require essay scores be part of the SAT or ACT scores.] **However, the Official SAT or ACT scores must include the national percentile information which is provided on an official notification. *Please note, we will NOT accept SAT or ACT scores that are a part of a high school transcript OR handwritten or typed score that are added to the grade transcript.**
 5. Completed Academic Recommendation Form submitted by a Teacher, Guidance Counselor, or Principal who is familiar with the applicant's high school academic work. This form must be in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal by the person completing the form. If they choose, the same person may also include a letter of recommendation in addition to completing the form.
 6. Completed Character Reference Form submitted by an adult associate/individual (other than a family member) by whom the applicant is well-known. This form must be in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal by the person completing the form. If they choose, the same person may also include a letter of recommendation in addition to completing the form.
- Copies of documents listed in 1 and 2 are available in WORD format at <http://www.njmayflower.org/Resources.php>
 - **Application documents can be clipped together in a single envelope for submission. Please do not use staples, presentation folders, binders, portfolios or sheet protectors, as the documents will be retained and scanned for distribution to the Scholarship Committee. Please do not submit any documents that are not required or requested.**

Completed application packages must be clearly postmarked no later than 04/01/2020 and mailed to:

Dr. Mark C. Fulcomer (mcfulcomer@aol.com), Education and Scholarship Committee
The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey
48 Trainor Circle
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505-4277



2020 MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PART 1: Please print or type

Applicant's Full Name: (First, Middle, Last): _____

Home Address: (include number, street, city, state, zip & 4-digit code): _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Applicant's e-mail address: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: ____/____/____

Name & Address of High School: (include number, street, city, state, zip & 4-digit code): _____

High School Phone: (____) _____ - _____ High School Web Site: _____

Name of High School Principal: _____ e-mail: _____

Name of High School Guidance Counselor: _____ e-mail: _____

GPA: _____ Weighted _____ Unweighted Class Rank: _____ of _____ (number of students in graduating class)

PART 2: Please prepare your response to each of the following seven (7) items in a typed separate document and attach to this form:

1. **High School Awards and Honors** [List each on a separate line.]
2. **High School Activities, *exclusive* of Community Service** [List each on a separate line.]
3. **Community Service, *exclusive* of High School Activities** [List each on a separate line.]
4. **Employment History starting with most recent first** [List each position on a separate line and include dates of employment.]
5. **Universities/Colleges you are applying to** [List each university/college on a separate line.]
6. **Degree you will pursue in your course of study and your currently-anticipated major if known at this time**
7. **ESSAY:** Late in November of each year, the Pilgrim's are mentioned in conjunction with their celebration of a "first" Thanksgiving in 1621, nearly a year after the landing of the Mayflower in Plymouth. Many detailed descriptions of the Pilgrims' experiences can now be found through simple online searches (e.g., Mayflower Compact, Plimoth Plantation, etc.) or in other sources (e.g., see below). However, because the Mayflower Compact was essential to this successful experiment in self-government and inspired some of our current democratic institutions, its adoption in November 1620 remains as one of the Pilgrims' most enduring contributions.

Selected Bibliography (additional sources may be readily found on the Internet)

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- Gill, C. (1970). Mayflower Remembered: A History of the Plymouth Pilgrims. New York: Taplinger Publishing Co.
- Johnson, C. H. (2006). The Mayflower and Her Passengers. Bloomington, IN: Xlibris Corp.
- Morrison, S. E. (1956). The Story of the "Old Colony" of New Plymouth, 1620-1692. New York: Knopf.
- Philbrick, N. (2007). Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War. New York: Barnes and Noble.

MAYFLOWER COMPACT ESSAY. In a short, well-documented two-part essay about the Mayflower Compact: (a) explain the circumstances that led to its adoption; and (b) describe how the ideas therein expressed, and the commitment of colonists to them, effected the future of the Colony. The essay must not exceed 750 words (excluding Bibliography) and end with a **word count**.

DOCUMENTATION. When preparing your essay, all information or ideas obtained from external sources must be properly cited within your essay using standard formats such as APA style (i.e., a standalone Bibliography is not sufficient documentation). When including portions of text exactly as written, use quotation marks along with both a citation within your essay (with page numbers, if applicable) and as an item in the Bibliography (Reference List). For suggestions on properly citing sources see <http://www.easybib.com/help/paren> or contact your English teacher. Finally, make sure that your Bibliography includes all sources cited in the essay.

PLAGIARISM. The failure to properly cite external sources will result in automatic disqualification.



2020 MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

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APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out the upper portion of this form; then give the form to a teacher, principal or guidance counselor who is familiar with your high school work. The person recommending you will return this form to you in a sealed envelope with her/his signature across the seal. Submit the sealed envelopes as a part of your application packet.

Print Full Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING FORM: The applicant named above is applying for one of three \$1620 Mayflower Scholarships for the upcoming academic year. Please complete the form below. If you would like to make additional comments about the applicant that are not covered below, you may also submit a separate typed letter of recommendation attached to this form.

How long have you known the Applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please rank the applicant in these areas; if you have no basis for ranking, check "No Opportunity to Observe" (No Opp).

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Exceptional	No. Opp.
Academic Ability						
Intellectual Curiosity						
Writing Skills						
Leadership Skills						
Verbal Communication						
Research Skills						
Study Skills						
Working Collaboratively						
Working Independently						
Honesty						
Dependability						
Adaptability						
Imaginative						
Introspective						
Insightful						
Respectful of Others						

List other outstanding academic characteristics: _____

Please circle one: I would rank this student in the (top 50%) (top 25%) (top 10%) (top 2%) of students I have ever taught.

Place this completed document in an envelope, seal it, sign across the seal and return it to the applicant. Application Packets must be clearly postmarked by April 1, 2020. Please make certain that the applicant receives your recommendation in time to meet this deadline.

Thank you for helping us to select the recipients of the Mayflower Scholarship.

Print Name & Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



2020 MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

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Print Full Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Please rank the applicant in these areas; if you have no basis for ranking, check "No Opportunity to Observe" (No Opp).

	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Usually	Always	No Opp.
Honorable						
Dependable						
Courageous						
Insightful						
Introspective						
Hardworking						
Perseverant						
Cooperative						
Open Minded						
Curious						
Adaptable						
Honest						
Helpful						
Caring						

List any other admirable personal qualities that are especially characteristic of the applicant: _____

Place this completed document in an envelope, seal it, sign across the seal and return it to the applicant. Application Packets must be clearly postmarked by April 1, 2020. Please make certain that the applicant receives your recommendation in time to meet this deadline.

Thank you for helping us to select the recipients of the Mayflower Scholarship.

Print Name & Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____