



2018 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 or 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 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; a **Short Essay describing the nominee's major selection**, the motivation in the selection, what is expected to learn, the skills, talents and interests that the nominee feels they have for this major and what they see themselves contributing to the field (not to exceed 500 words); and a **Short Essay on what differentiates success and failure for immigrant and refugee experiences** (not to exceed 500 words). 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 Xerox copy of the nominee's official notification of SAT or ACT scores. A completed application packet **must be clearly** postmarked no later than March 14, 2018.



2018 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 2018 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 2018 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 2018, 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) to 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.nimayflower.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 03/14/2018 and mailed to:

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



2018 MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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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: () - Text: Y/N? 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 items in a typed separate document and attach to this application.

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 & include dates of employment)
5. **Universities/Colleges you are applying to** (list each university/college on a separate line)
6. **Major.** Describe what major you will be pursuing (if undecided, what majors interest you enough as a possible choice), the motivation in your selection, what you expect to learn, the skills, talents and interests that you feel you have for this major and what you see yourself contributing to this field? This essay is not to exceed 500 words and the word count must be indicated at the end of the essay.
7. **Essay.** 2020 will mark the 400th anniversary of the historic landing of the Mayflower. After a perilous voyage, that lasted 65 days, the Pilgrims dropped anchor off the shores of Cape Cod and sent out scouting parties to explore what they would hope was to become the place where they could live free to follow their faith. But the Pilgrims were ill prepared for the harsh environment, extreme weather and lack of food, that it would lead to such deadly consequences. At the end of their first winter, nearly half of the Mayflower passengers and crew had perished due to starvation and disease. Despite the hardships and loss of life, guided only by faith and perseverance, they were more determined than ever to remain and build new lives. In Spring of 1621, they met a Native American, Squanto, who became their teacher, scout, friend and most importantly their negotiator as a treaty was forged that would last for the next fifty years allowing for peace between the Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag communities. This treaty lessened the fears of both parties, allowing the colonists to concentrate building their settlements and to learn what they must do to survive and prepare for the upcoming winter. Indeed, they began to thrive, and in the fall of 1621, celebrated with their Native American allies what has become known as the first thanksgiving. The success of the Pilgrim immigration stands in stark contrast to the experience of other efforts at the time and throughout history. In an essay, provide compelling arguments to help us better understand what differentiates success and failure for immigrant and refugee experiences. This essay is not to exceed 500 words and the word count must be indicated at the end of the essay.



2018 MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

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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. 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 March 14, 2018. 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.



2018 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: _____

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Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____