**General Society of Mayflower Descendants 2024 Scholarship**

**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 [ ]  GSMD # \_\_\_\_\_\_ No [ ]

Who is your Mayflower ancestor(s) on the ship\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Member Society Numbers)**

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 place of residence](https://www.themayflowersociety.org/membership-info16/contact-your-member-society) to complete this process.

Full name of living Parent, Grandparent, or Great-Grandparent:

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GSMD # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do not use the Member Society 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: 2024 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.

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE ESSAY**

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

**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.

**The two parts of your essay should not exceed 1000 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.