

# General Society of Mayflower Descendants 2024 Scholarship Instructions

## APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2024 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. In addition, a \$2,400 Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship will also be awarded. For all these scholarships, it is required to be 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 - IMPORTANT NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY 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 Member Society Numbers)

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. You are not eligible to apply if you, your parent, grandparent, or great grandparent is not an active Mayflower Society member by the time you submit your application.

### 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.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE March 1, 2024

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

**Items to be mailed: Application form, Essay, Grades, completed Academic Recommendation form and Letter of Reference form postmarked by March 1, 2024.**

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

## APPLICATION PROCESS

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.

### 1. Download all required forms.

- a. Application Form (includes Essay guidelines)
- b. Academic Recommendation form
- c. Character Reference form

### 2. Complete the Application Form and Essay

Read the guidelines for preparing your Mayflower Scholarship Essay within the Application Form and **be sure to carefully follow the instructions.**

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. For the Recommendation / Reference forms, complete per the directions on each form.

For the Academic Recommendation and the 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.**

### 4. Mail in all required documents in one envelope

## 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. Obtain the sealed envelopes containing your Academic Recommendation and Character Reference from your recommenders.
3. Include your application.
4. Your essay should be included as a separate entry from your application without your name on the document.
5. All of the above must be paper clipped together and put in one envelope and mailed to GSMD by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Refrain from using staples, presentation folders, binders, portfolios or sheet protectors. Do not submit any other supporting documents.

**Mail to:** GSMD Scholarship 2024  
18 Winslow Street  
Plymouth, MA 02360

**DEADLINE: March 1, 2024. 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, 2024.

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.