



## Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California

### 2017-18 Scholarship Application Instructions

#### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All application materials must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Wednesday March 1, 2017.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

There will be three awards: one \$5000 scholarship, one \$3000 scholarship and one \$2000 scholarship.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Scholarship applicants must be high school seniors in the 2016 - 2017 academic year.
2. Scholarship applicants must be either a member of the California Mayflower Society or have a relative (parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, grand-aunt, grand-uncle, great-grand-aunt, great-grand-uncle) who is a living, current, active member of the California Mayflower Society.

There are NO restrictions regarding the state of residence of the California Society member or of the scholarship applicant.

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Download and save this file and the Scholarship Application file.  
Save both of these files before you begin filling out the Scholarship Application. (If you do not, the information you insert may not save properly.)  
Name your Scholarship Application file as: "your first name-last name-scholarship"  
For example: "John-Doe-Scholarship"
2. Fill out the Scholarship Application form by typing directly into each line of the form.
3. After double checking that you have provided all the requested information, save the Scholarship Application Form before going on to the next step.
4. Using 750 to 1000 words, write a letter from one of your Mayflower ancestors to his or her family as if they were in England or Holland. In your letter, describe the way the Mayflower Compact affected the life of your Mayflower ancestor in Plymouth Colony.
  - To prepare for writing your letter:
    - Read the Mayflower Compact. You can find it at this url: <http://camayflower.org/Mayflower%20Compact.html>
    - Research your Mayflower ancestor. You can find this and other information about the *Mayflower* at this url: <http://mayflowerhistory.com/> Click the tab for "Mayflower Passenger List."
  - Write the letter in your own words. You may not copy any text from either of the above sources. If you quote other sources, be sure to credit your source, use quotation marks, and quote nothing longer than one sentence.
  - Use 14 pt Times New Roman type

5. After you have completed and proofread your letter, copy and paste the letter into the shaded box at the bottom of the Scholarship Application Form. Keep the letter in 14 pt. Times New Roman type.
6. Save and print your Scholarship Application Form. You will submit this form both electronically as an email and via the United States Postal Service as a mail package.
7. Assemble the other required application materials:
  - a. A copy of your high school transcript, including first semester senior year grades, your GPA and your class rank if that is available.
  - b. Take either the ACT or the SAT test, including the writing sample, and print out a photo-copy of the results.
  - c. Ask one of your teachers who knows your academic work well to write a letter of recommendation for you. Have them give you their letter in a sealed envelope which they have signed across the seal.
  - d. Ask a person who is not a family member who knows you well to write a character reference letter for you. Have them give you their letter in a sealed envelope which they have signed across the seal.

#### SUBMIT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Electronic Submission
  - a. As an attachment, send **ONLY** your completed Scholarship Application Form with the letter from your Mayflower ancestor inserted.
  - b. Address the email to: [skj1707@gmail.com](mailto:skj1707@gmail.com).
  - c. In the subject line
  - d. of the email, write your name and “California Mayflower Scholarship”
2. Mail Submission
  - a. A complete application package includes five items:
    - i. A Scholarship Application form with the letter from your Mayflower ancestor inserted
    - ii. Your high school transcript
    - iii. A photo-dopy of the results of you SAT or ACT test
    - iv. A signed and sealed academic letter of recommendation
    - v. A signed and sealed character reference letter.
  - b. Via the USPS, mail the ‘complete application package’ to:

Scholarship Secretary  
California Mayflower Society  
1707 Pauline Way  
Petaluma CA 94954

#### DEADLINE

Application materials must be sent electronically and postmarked by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

#### CONFIRMATION

Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of their materials.

#### EVALUATION

Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee of at least three California Mayflower Society members drawn from different colonies in different parts of the state.

#### Evaluation Criteria (100-points maximum)

- Mayflower Ancestor Letter 50
- High School Transcript 15
- High School Activities and Awards 8
- Community Service and Employment 7
- ACT/SAT scores 5
- Academic Letter of Recommendation 5
- Character Reference Letter 5
- Application form – completeness 5

#### NOTIFICATION

Scholarship recipients will be notified by phone with a confirming letter; all other applicants will receive a letter.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Scholarship winners will be announced publically at the June meeting of the California Mayflower Society Board of Assistants and in the summer issue of the *California Quarterly*.

#### DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The winning recipients will receive an *Enrollment Confirmation and Payout Request Form* with the letter confirming their scholarship award. After enrolling in first semester classes, each recipient is to send this form, with a copy of the computer printout of the recipient's class schedule, to the Scholarship Secretary at [skj1707@gmail.com](mailto:skj1707@gmail.com). As soon as the Scholarship Secretary receives this form, she will send it to the California Mayflower Society Treasurer, who will send the funds to the recipient.

#### GAP YEAR

Scholarship recipients may choose to take a gap year between high school graduation and college; however 2017-18 scholarship recipients must enroll in a college program no later than Fall of 2018.

#### QUESTIONS

If you have questions, email Education/Scholarship Secretary Sally Johnson at [skj1707@gmail.com](mailto:skj1707@gmail.com).