



**Society Of Mayflower Descendants
In The State Of Colorado**

October 1, 2017

Re: The Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Awards

Dear Madam/Sir:

In the spring of 2018 the *Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants* will award one \$1620.00 scholarship to a high school senior planning to attend any accredited college, university or vocational institution. Having a Mayflower ancestor is not a requirement. The award monies will be sent directly to the winner's educational institution.

Applicants must be residents of the State of Colorado and a citizen of the United States. Criteria for selection include: a written essay on the topic given in the application, evidence of activities, leadership, and honors received, GPA and class rank, a letter of recommendation, and Mayflower ancestry if pertinent. The most important part of the application is the essay, but all parts will be graded, and it is the total score that will determine the final winners.

The complete application form and instructions are enclosed, please feel free to copy as many copies as you need. If you have questions regarding the application please contact this chairman. Applications will be due February 1, 2018.

The Scholarship Committee appreciates your attention to this matter, and we look forward to receiving applications from your students.

Donna Bottini

Chairperson, Scholarship Award Committee

Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants

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RESEARCH AND WRITE YOUR MAYFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

By far the most important part of your application is the completion of a thoughtful, well-written essay in three parts which explore a passenger of the Mayflower and their significance to the colony.

PART 1

1. Go to <http://mayflowerhistory.com/mayflower-passenger-list/> and select a passenger to write your essay about.
2. Who is the Mayflower passenger you have selected? Was he or she a separatist? If not, how and why did they become a Mayflower passenger? What was their occupation? How was the founding of the new colony financed? How did all of the Mayflower passengers plan to pay for their passage? How did this affect their life in Plymouth? (Be as specific as you can be, based on your reading)
3. You should also do a Google Search on the Mayflower passenger you have selected.
4. For information about the funding of the Mayflower and the establishment of the colony: <http://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/history/item/4797-who-funded-the-mayflower> Also, <http://www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org/ap-financing-building-colony.htm>

PART 2

The Mayflower Compact: Its importance to the Mayflower passenger you have selected.

Identify at least two features or aspects of the Compact and describe why each should have mattered enough to your Mayflower passenger – based on their background and their reasons for coming to America --- to have been included in the document to establish and operate a government

This portion of your essay is to be based on a careful reading of the Compact and you're relating of its content to the life situation of your Mayflower passenger; no secondary sources are to be used.

PART 3

Take one feature of the Mayflower Compact and expound upon any impact it has had in your life. How would your commitment to bettering yourself be supported by the opportunities this scholarship will make available to you?

The three parts of your essay must not exceed a total length of 1500 words.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You are to write this essay in your own words. It is not intended to be a research essay, but rather a personal essay, exploring facets of the Mayflower passenger you have selected. DO NOT incorporate text from any secondary sources in your essay. Essays that include text copied directly from sources suggested, or any other sources, will be disqualified.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE ESSAY:

Create an edited, single spaced draft of Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3 of your essay – with appropriate citations – and bibliography using New Roman 12 point font style.

ASSEMBLE MATERIALS FOR MAILING:

YOUR APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE:

- 2 COPIES OF THE Scholarship Application page.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, business person, peer or family friend.
- 2 copies of your resume
- 2 copies of your Official High School Transcript
- 1 copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores
- Information on your Mayflower ancestor, if applicable.
- 4 hard copies of your essay

MAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2018