



General Society of Mayflower Descendants
Founded at Plymouth, Massachusetts 1897

GSMD News

2015 GSMD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program is offering one \$5000 scholarship and two \$2500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are Mayflower descendants 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 whose demonstrated commitment to bettering themselves makes them especially likely to benefit from the opportunities this scholarship will make possible for them.

ANCESTRY REQUIREMENT

For an applicant to be considered for a Mayflower Scholarship, the Application Form must include a valid GSMD membership number for either the applicant or for a parent, grandparent or great grandparent of the applicant.

If any documentation needs to be submitted to the GSMD to obtain a current GSMD membership number, applicants should begin work as early as possible with the Mayflower Historian in their state of residence to complete this process. <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/membership-info16/contact-your-state-society> provides a link to the Historians for every state society. Click on any state to see the complete list of state Historians.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each scholarship recipient must be a graduating senior; must provide the information requested for the application; and must enter a four-year college or university or two-year community college.

All applicants must take the SAT or ACT, including the Writing Sample, at a time that will allow the results to be submitted as a part of the scholarship application.

Though not an absolute requirement, recipients of the Mayflower Society Scholarships will most often be in the upper 10 percent of their class and score in the 75th percentile or higher on the SAT or ACT.

HOW TO APPLY

Begin the application process by downloading two files to your hard drive.

1. Application Instructions is a PDF file with instructions for filling out and submitting your application packet. Adobe Reader is available at no charge for reading PDF files from <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. **CLICK HERE** to view and download this file.

2. Submissions Materials is a WORD form file for preparing parts of the application to be submitted electronically. [CLICK HERE](#) to view and download this file.

The Application Instructions guide you through filling out the Submission Materials form, writing the essay, assembling your Application Packet and submitting your application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 16, 2015

Each applicant must submit by mail a complete application packet with all required documentation postmarked by the deadline. Some parts of the application must also be submitted electronically; these must also be emailed by that date. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

QUESTIONS

Address questions about the application process, including the electronic submission of materials for the application, to scholarships@themayflowersociety.org.