

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.

2024 Scholarship Application Instructions

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** There will be three awards: one $5,500 scholarship, one $3,500

Scholarship, one $2,500 scholarship, and one $1,000 scholarship.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**

All application materials must be received by 11:59 PM on Friday March 1, 2024.

Plan ahead; there are no exceptions. Consider the U.S. Mail slowdown.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

A scholarship recipient must be a high school senior during the year he/she applies for the

Scholarship.

Scholarship applicants must show a lineage connection to the California Mayflower Society:

1. As a current member of the California Mayflower Society who has an adult California

Mayflower Society membership number; or

1. As the child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece, nephew, grandniece, grandnephew,

great-grand-niece or great-grand-nephew of a living current member of the California

Mayflower Society who has a California Mayflower Society membership number.

There is No restriction regarding the residence of the California Mayflower Society member

Or the residence 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”

1. Fill out the Scholarship Application form by typing directly into each line on the form.
2. After double checking that you have provided all the requested information, save the

Scholarship Application Form before going on to the next step.

1. **Two Essays: Contributions of the Mayflower Women**

**Part 1:**

Write a letter from one of your Mayflower ancestors, male or female, to his or her family

as if they were in England or Holland. In your letter describe the contributions of the

Mayflower Women in the colony. Reference one or more of the women living in the colony.

To prepare for writing you letter, find out what is known about your Mayflower ancestor at

<http://www.mayflowerhistory.com/mayflower-passenger-list> and read about the women

who helped settle Plymouth Colony.

**Write the letter in your own words.**

If you choose to use any text from external research sources use quotation marks, credit

Your source and quote nothing longer than one sentence.

**Part 2:**

Write a personal essay of no more than 500 words that describes how exploring the

Experience of your Mayflower ancestor and studying the “Contribution of the Mayflower

Women” influenced your own personal values and your future plans.

Use 14pt Time New Roman type for your letter and essay.

1. After you have completed and proofread your letter and essay, copy and paste the letter

and the essay under the headings at the bottom of the Application Form. Keep the letter

in 14pt.Times New Roman type.

1. Save and print you Scholarship Application Form, now including your letter to your

Mayflower ancestor and your personal essay. You will submit this from both electronically

As an email and via the United States Postal Service as part of a mail package.

1. Assemble the other required application materials:
2. Obtain a copy of your high school transcript, including first semester senior year grades,

Your GPA and your class rank if that is available.

1. 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. Make sure they know they must get their

recommendation to you in time.

1. Ask a person who is not a family member or an educator or otherwise employed at

Your school 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. Make sure they know they must get this character reference letter to you in

Time for you to submit it and be received by the scholarship chair before March 1, 2024.

**SUBMIT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MATERIALS**

1. **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

Send an email to: [Bmitchellcsmd43@gmail.com](mailto:Bmitchellcsmd43@gmail.com)

in the subject line of the email, write your name and “California Mayflower Scholarship”

as an attachment, send ONLY your completed Scholarship Application Form, including

your letter to your Mayflower ancestor and your personal essay.

1. **U.S. MAIL SUBMISSION**

A complete application package includes four items:

1. Your Scholarship Application form including the letter from your Mayflower

Ancestor and your personal essay.

1. Your high school transcript
2. Your signed letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope.
3. Your signed character reference letter in a sealed envelope.

Via USPS, mail the complete application package to Scholarship Chairman

Mrs. Billie Mitchell

Scholarship Chairman

California Mayflower Society

26902 Highwood Circle

Laguna Hills, CA 92653

**DEADLINE:** Application materials must be sent electronically and postmarked by 11:59 PM

on Friday March 1, 2024. 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.

**EVALLUATION FRITERIA (100-Points maximum)**

* Mayflower Ancestor Letter 25
* Personal Essay 25
* High School Transcript 15
* High School Activities and Awards 10
* Community Service and Employment 6
* Academic Letter of Recommendations 7
* Character Reference Letter 7
* Application form-completeness 5

Totals 100

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**  By early April 2024 scholarship recipients

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

Scholarship winners will be announced publicly at the June 2022 meeting of the California

Mayflower Society Board of Assistants and in the summer issue of the California

Mayflower Quarterly.

**DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHLIP WINNINGS** Founds will be disbursed before the beginning

of the first semester of college enrollment. Scholarship recipients will receive instructions about

how to obtain their scholarship winnings in the letter confirming their award.

**OPTIONAL GAP YEAR** Scholarship recipients may request to take a gap year between high

school graduation and college whereby the award payment could be deferred. The winner

would need to present a persuasive reason for delaying entrance to college. The request

would be submitted in writing to the Scholarship Chair for committee review. And the request

would need to be submitted by July 1 of the year of the winnings and it must include proof of

college acceptance for the Fall term.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have questions, email the Scholarship Chairman at

[Bmitchellcsmd43@gmail.com](mailto:Bmitchellcsmd43@gmail.com).